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Editorial

So arrives the end of yet another school year, full of change, success and activity. Just looking through the scores of club and society reports, handed to me, reminds me of how much has been going on, most of which you can easily forget or bypass as you are coasting down your own motorway through school life. In fact I am starting to get an awful feeling that I have been missing out on too many opportunities, which in retrospect are abundant, if you just go looking.

Perhaps the most obvious changes this year have been to the buildings, which have undergone a dramatic metamorphosis. There is a huge extension being built to the main building, which includes new art and technology rooms. This has to be a step in the right direction since the learning of more practical skills, as opposed to the purely academic subjects, has long needed to be more available. Plans have also been recently approved for a new, modern sports hall/dining room/6th Form common room complex, so things are certainly looking glossy in the future!

I do feel, however, that the new facilities are not undue considering the success of our sports teams and the prestige they bring the school. The accomplishment of our sides is due to a lot of time and hard work put in by both masters and boys, and so they fully deserve the benefits of these new improvements. In view of the extreme success though, which is achieved in sport every year, I think that it is time an attempt be made to strengthen our present fixture lists, which have seen little change over the past few years. I am glad to say we have very full fixture lists, but if a few of the weaker schools we play were winkled out and replaced by the stronger sporting schools, which are very numerous in and around London, I am sure our standards would improve tremendously.

This year has also been marked by the advent of another more "light-hearted" (dare I doubt their credibility) team in the shape of the R.G.S. Netball Side. Devised primarily for charity, and secondarily for laughs, they have played friendly challenge matches against the Lady Verney School and the Wycombe High School and have raised a very sizeable amount of money for the Ethiopian Fund. This is typical of what is achieved, when we embark on some venture and join forces with a neighbouring school. This year's school play, "Animal Farm" is another example of the R.G.S. collaborating with the Lady Verney School to create an impressive production which would not have been possible without the co-operation of both schools. These sorts of joint efforts must be a good thing, and all clubs and societies would do well to consider the possibilities of combining with neighbouring schools to broaden their

horizons, especially the smaller ones who struggle for interest. It has only reaped huge rewards in the past.

Now, as well as seven weeks of blissful relaxation, we can also "look forward" (I hope this sentiment is shared universally) to the publication of the 'O' and 'A'-level results in August. We had the largest number of people in our history gaining Oxbridge places in November which must be a good omen for this summer's exams. We can all at least be pretty sure that all previous exam records will be shattered, since I am unable to recall a year when Mr Brown told the school anything else! Good luck to everyone involved.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU for all the contributions to the magazine; the good, the bad, the late, the illegible and the totally unprintable alike. I would also like to thank Mr Eaton for arranging the magazine and finally Mr Box, who has been the real organisation, inspiration and power behind this year's Wycombiensian.

Co-editor: PATRICK I.H. JENNINGS

Staff News

This year we have welcomed three new members of staff. Mr Learmouth is now enjoying his well-earned retirement in Scotland and has been succeeded by Mr Tattersall and the Economics department has gained the services of Mr Grout to take the place that Mr Ratcliffe filled last year. (Although last year's magazine said farewell to Mr Ratcliffe he has reappeared to teach R.E. this year). The third new teacher has been Mr Ferguson from the USA who has exchanged jobs with Mr Mitchell for the year. We hope he has enjoyed his time with us and that the experience has been all that he hoped it would be.

During the year we have said "Goodbye" to Mrs Cocksedge, the School Matron, Mr Manwaring, Mr Box and Mr Gilpin. Our best wishes go with them.

We are grateful to Mrs Inman and Mrs Mawdsbey for the help they have given us during the summer term.

A.G. Manwaring

Anthony Manwaring came to the R.G.S. in 1972 to teach Art 3 days a week, soon to be increased to 4 although most members of the school would imagine that it was 6. Such was his effort and contribution to school life.

Anthony arrived via the Royal College of Art and a year as resident painter at Oundle School, originally to teach painting to the 'A' level 6th Form whilst furthering his own career during his long weekends.

His concern for the welfare and progress of all boys, junior or senior, was exemplary and will be greatly missed. The task of organising the Junior School magazine "Flair" was also Mr Manwaring's but perhaps the aspect best remembered will be the countless trips he organised and accompanied to concerts, films and exhibitions with 'O' and 'A' level Art students and the 'Vulture' club. I am sure that I am not the only member of staff who will miss his company and scholarship whilst visiting Art exhibitions.

We wish him all success for his future as a fulltime painter at his new home in Herefordshire.

M.J. EATON

J.D. Gilpin

Jerry Gilpin came to R.G.S. in September 1982, having graduated at Pembroke College and subsequently having spent a year doing parish work for his church, St Aldate's, Oxford.

He quickly showed himself to be an enthusiastic and innovative member of the English Department, as well as a caring and dedicated Form Teacher. His extra-curricular activities have ranged from being a founder advisor for the alternative Sixth Form magazine, "Ad Lib", to his frequent and spirited appearances with the staff soccer team.

As a committed Christian, Jerry has been an example to students and to colleagues alike and it is because of his convictions in this sphere that he has left teaching to study for the Anglican ministry, following closely our former Head of Geography, John Samways, to Trinity College, Bristol where he embarks upon a three year course in September.

He will be much missed at R.G.S. but we wish Jerry and his wife Liz all the very best for their new life-venture.

P.G.C.

S.D. Box

Stephen Box was appointed to the Mathematics Department in 1977 having graduated from Oxford.

The young man that arrived has matured into a most competent teacher of mathematics, a hard

working coach for the boat club, a computer wizard, a fearsome treasurer of the Staff Common room and a regular member of the staff cricket and soccer teams. He has undertaken all these tasks and more with a willing and cheerful disposition that will be hard to replace. We will miss him, but wish both Stephen and his wife success in the future and congratulate him on his promotion at Misbourne School.

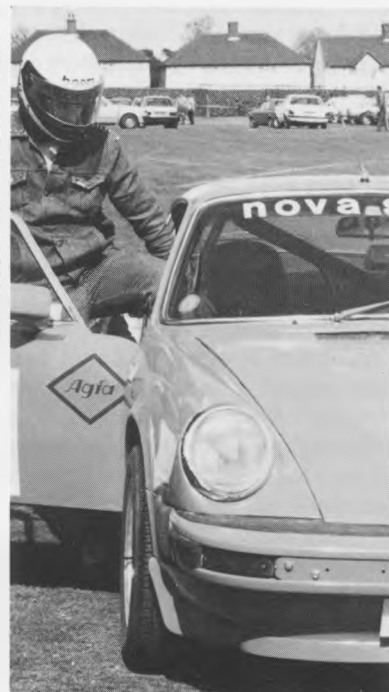
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School Matron

On Friday, 3rd May the School had to say farewell to Matron (Mrs T. Cocksedge) on her retirement. Mrs Cocksedge joined the staff of the Royal Grammar School in September 1966 and since that time will be remembered by countless pupils and parents for her sympathetic understanding. Pupils, parents and staff all join in wishing Mrs Cocksedge and her husband a very happy retirement.



School Show Day



Examination Successes 1984-85

OXFORD

J.D. Audcent Exeter, Modern Languages
R.I. Jarvis Worcester, Physics
P.I.H. Jennings St Edmund Hall, Natural Science
I.S. Kennedy Trinity, Natural Science (Chemistry)
M.G.L. Leigh Balliol, Classics/History
J.B. O'Flynn Christ Church, History
G.J. Oliver Lady Margaret Hall, Classics - Exhibition
S. Rich St Anne's, Classics
I.A. Tennant University, Classics - Scholarship

CAMBRIDGE

C.L. Ayling Peterhouse, Natural Science (Physical)
A.D. Barker Jesus, Geography
H.S. Drewett Peterhouse, Maths
J.P. Edwards Queens', Engineering
S.M. Ellis Sidney Sussex, Medical Sciences
A.T. Hill Trinity, Maths
R.L. Hooper Girton, Maths
C.G. Hodson King's, Maths - Instrumental Open Award
E.W. Hughes Gonville & Caius, Geography/Land Economy
R.J.R. Irvine Trinity, History
R.P. Lowenthal St John's, Engineering
A.R. Palmer Clare, Engineering
P.A. Rea Girton, Medical Sciences
P.M. Saich Trinity, Modern Languages
A.P. Spong Selwyn, Natural Sciences (Biological)
D.I. Strutt Churchill, Natural Sciences (Biological)
G.D. Wagstaff Clare, Engineering

UNIVERSITY PLACES 1984

P.A. Alexander: Leicester University, Combined Sciences
S.A. Aye: Leicester University, Biological Sciences
L.O. Ayres: St. Andrews University, Ancient & Medieval History
M.V. Baker: Southampton University, Geography
D.C.A. Barnes: Exeter University, Mathematical Statistics & Operational Research
G.C. Baxter: Lancaster University, Geography
J.C.N. Binns: Newcastle upon Tyne University, Agricultural Zoology
R. Blackett: Hull University, History & Politics
P.J.A. Boothman: Leeds University, Civil Engineering
G.H. Bowden: University College of Swansea, Civil Engineering
G.R. Britton: Lafayette College, USA, Economics and Business Studies
C.G.M. Brockman: Manchester University, Medieval Studies
K.L. Brooks: Reading University, Quantity Surveying
J.M.A. Burke: Aston University, Transport Operation & Planning
T.J. Byrne: Stirling University, Mathematics/Physics
S.J. Carter: Exeter University, Statistics (1985)
S.G. Chamberlain: Southampton University, Chemistry
S.J.J. Charlton: Reading University, Land Management
R.I. Cook: Birmingham University, Medicine
R.M. Cooke: Newcastle upon Tyne University, Economics
R.C. Cole: University College, London, Electrical Engineering
S.D. Cromar: Edinburgh University, History
P.D. Cusdin: Reading University, Land Management
J.F. Darroch: University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology, Civil Engineering
D.M. Dawson: Southampton University, Chemistry with Geology
R.J. Dell: University College, London, Medicine
D.A. Dewar: Southampton University, Aeronautics & Astronautics
M.K. Ellis: Exeter University, Physics
A.L. Ennis: East Anglian University, Philosophy
N. Fairweather: Newcastle upon Tyne University, Computing Science
R.J. Ferdinando: Nottingham University, Classics
D.K. Forbes: Bath University, Chemical Engineering (1985)
T.S. Freeman: Leicester University, Chemistry
J.D. Glover: Southampton University, Medicine
N. Grace: Bristol University, Economics
I.R. Hannah: Exeter University, Chemical Engineering
R. Hamilton: Sussex University, History in European Studies
K.D. Harrow: London Hospital Medical School, Dentistry (1985)
G.A. Hendry: Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, Medicine
A.G.M. Highfield: City University, Business Computing Studies
C. Hobbs: Warwick University, Psychology
A. Hobbins: Liverpool University, Mechanical Engineering

T.D. Howe: Birmingham University, Electronic & Electrical Engineering
D.G. Hunter: Queen Mary College, London, Astrophysics
R. Ilian: Warwick University, Politics with International Studies
J.P. Ives: Sheffield University, Ancient & Medieval History
M.A. Izzo: Leicester University, Physics with Astrophysics
M.R. Jones: Birmingham University, Spanish
A.D. Keen: Leeds University, Civil Engineering
P.J. Knight: Southampton University, Chemistry with Mathematics
A.C.D. Knox: Exeter University, Economics (1985)
S.J. Lee: London Hospital Medical College, Medicine (1985)
C.M. Le Guillou: Durham University, French & German
S.G. Lewis: Bedford College, London, Geography
A.G. Lock: Nottingham University, Chemical Engineering
D.J. Lock: Exeter University, Accountancy Studies
T.G. Lohmann: Birmingham University, Chemical Engineering
C. McLeod: Birmingham University, Engineering Production & Economics (1985)
R.S. Malaure: Nottingham University, Biology
K.J. Mallett: Reading University, History
I.M. Manocha: Southampton University, Civil Engineering
S.C.P. Maynard: Exeter University, Chemistry
A.G. McCubbin: Reading University, Botany
A.D. Medhurst: St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Medicine
M.D. Morecroft: Southampton University, Biology
N.A. Morris: Sheffield University, Zoology (1985)
M.C. Oliver: Southampton University, Chemistry with Mathematics
T.J. Palmer: Edinburgh University, Philosophy & Politics
L.M. Prior: Bristol University, Modern Languages
R.P. Reupke: Queen Mary College, London, Mechanical Engineering
N.J. Sale: Bath University, Engineering
C.J. Sealey: University College, Cardiff, Chemistry
R.G. Sharp: Nottingham University, Zoology
N.A. Solanki: Glasgow University, Psychology
P. Stear: East Anglian University, German
P.J. Stephenson: Royal Holloway College, London, Zoology
P.N. Thackrah: Keele University, International Relations
N.P. Tilley: Nottingham University, Environmental Biology
N.P. Waldie: University College of Swansea, Electronics with Computing Science
J.R.T. Wayte: Queen Elizabeth College, London, Biotechnology
C.R. Wiggins: Nottingham University, History
G.E. Williams: University College, Swansea, Applied Biological Sciences
M. Woodwark: Sussex University, Biology (1985)
N.J. Worley: Brunel University, Production Engineering
K.J. Wotherspoon: Exeter University, Engineering Science

POLYTECHNICS (Degree Courses)

R.K. Ahern: Portsmouth Polytechnic, History/Politics
P.F. Austin: Thames Polytechnic, Building Surveying
S.A. Prittain: Portsmouth Polytechnic, Psychology
I.D. Hack: Portsmouth Polytechnic, Spanish & Latin American Studies
D. Lewis: Trent Polytechnic, Humanities
J.C. Meacher: Plymouth Polytechnic, Business Studies
J.R. Oliver: City of London Polytechnic, Modular Studies
C.R. Pepper: Manchester Polytechnic, Business & Retail Management
S.W. Podesta: Brighton Polytechnic, Building
D.W. Pullan: Lanchester Polytechnic, Materials Technology
K.S. Smith: Leicester Polytechnic, Business Studies
K.L. Stables: South Bank Polytechnic, Business Studies
R.T. Styles: Lancashire Polytechnic, Business Studies
D.A. Williams: Bristol Polytechnic, Applied Biological Sciences
R. Wingfield: Lanchester Polytechnic, Physical Science and Material Science

OTHER COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

J.E. Read: London Bible College, Theology (1985)
P.J. Warwick: RAF Cranwell

'A' LEVEL RESULTS 1984

The successful candidates who took the Oxford GCE Board 'A' level Examinations were:

KEY: A-Art; B-Biology; C-Chemistry; E-Economics; Eng-English Literature; F-French; FM-Further Maths; Ger-German; Geo-Geography; Gre-Greek; H-History; AH-Ancient History; L-Latin; M-Mathematics; Mus-Music; P-Physics; BS-Business Studies; CS-Computer Studies; GS-General Studies; PS-Political Studies; R-

Russian; Sp-Spanish; RS-Religious Studies; AwH-Art with Art History; BS-Business Studies

* Denotes Grade A

SA Aye M,C,B; SJ Carter M,C,B; SG Chamberlain M,C*,P*,B;
JD Glover C,P,B,GS*; AR Jarvis C,B; SJ Lee C,P,B; JC Meacher
Geo,C,B,GS; MD Morecroft M,C,P,B,GS; NA Morris M,C*,B,GS;
P Sainsbury Geo,C,B; SHP Tolkien Geo,B; RE Treadwell M,C,B;
JRT Wayne M,C,B; R.J.J. Whitehouse C,P,B; M. Woodmark
M,C*,B,GS; PA Alexander M,C*,P*,B; JC Binns C*,P*,B*; SA Brittain
M,C,B; RI Cook M*,C*,B*; GSC Dance M,C,B; RJ Gilbert
M,C*,P*,B,GS*; RGR Griffin C*,P*,B*,GS*; K.D. Harrow C,P,B;
GA Hendry C,P,B,GS; RS Malaura M,C,B,GS; AG McCubbin
Geo*,C,B,GS; AD Medhurst M,C,B; PA Rea M*,C*,P*,B*;
JE Read M,C,B; RG Sharp M,C,B; AP Spong C*,P*,B*,GS;
PJ Stephenson M,C,B,GS; NP Tilley Geo,C,B*; DA Williams
M,C,B; CM Brockman AH,H; ML Davies AH,E; RJ Ferdinando
L,F,Ge; NGW Grace L,E,M*; CA Hurst AH,F,E; MR Jones
AH,F,Sp; TD Livingstone L*,H,M; DP Robinson L,H,M;
IA Tennant L*,AH,Ge*; TJ Andrew Eng,H,E; LO Ayres
Eng,AH*,H; R Blackett Eng,H,E; NSB Gowans Eng,E; TD Hyams
Geo; SJ Lamb E; RG Shanks Eng,F,E,AwH; CJ Wagstaff GS,BS;
N Ahmad E*,M; G Baxter E,Geo*,M; DR Dunlop F,BS; ID Hack
H*,E,GS,Sp; JT Marsland F*,Geo,BS; AJ Nash H,E; JRD Oliver
F,Geo; KS Smith Geo,M,BS; RJ Stephens Eng,E,Geo; RI Styles
F,E,BS; GW Wright Ger,E; PF Austin Geo,P,GS; AD Barker
Eng*,E*,Geo*; SJJ Charlton E,Geo*,M; AR Duncan E,Geo;
RJM Hamilton Eng,H*,Geo; R.Ilian H,PS,E*,Geo,GS; SG Lewis
Eng,E,Geo,GS; RJ McEwan H,Geo,GS; WS Pearce AwH,GS,BS;
NA Solanki Eng,HmGeo,GS; RE Thomas F,Geo,GS,BS; K Whitmee
Eng, Geo; MV Baker H,E,Geo; PJ Boothman Eng,H,Geo;
JM Burke Eng,H,Geo,GS; RM Cooke H,E,Geo; JS Cooper E;
PD Cusdin E,Geo*,M; C Hobbs Eng, AH,Geo; E Hughes
H*,Geo*,GS,BS*; KJ Mallett H,E,Geo; MJ Parker Geo,M,P*;
SW Podesta Geo,M,P; RK Ahern H,E,AwH; GR Britton H,M,Sp;
KL Brooks H,E,Geo; SD Cromar H,E,Sp; AL Ennis Eng,Ger,H;
SMP Glynn Eng,H,AwH; TJ Hopkinson H,AwH; JP Ives
Eng,AH,H; DS Lewis Eng,H; RD Newbury Eng,H; RC Parry
E,Geo,GS; AJ Speed H; PN Thackrah AH,H,E; CR Wiggins
Eng,H,E; SC Cleave R; SJ Gerhand Eng; JM Ing Eng,BS;
ST Langton F*,Ger*,E; CM LeGuillou F*,Ger*,H*; JB Morris
F,Sp; P Stear Eng,Ger*,H; CC Tett F*,Ger*,E; RJ Arnold
Eng,F,H; SR Blaby Eng,F,H; GM Burr F; SJ Carter Eng,E;
ACD Knox F,E,M,FM,GS; TJ Palmer F*,H*,E,GS; SJ Parkinson
F,H,E; LM Prior F,R,BS; KL Stables F,E; PJ Warwick Eng,Fe,E;
A Wilsher M,F,H,BS; RA Cole M.C.P*; DM Dawson M*,C*,P*;
RJ Dell M,C*,P*; DK Forbes M,C,P*,GS; TB Freeman M,C,P*;
AG Gates C,P; MA Izzo M,C,P*; PJ Knight M,C*,P; DJ Lock
M,C*,P,GS; C. Macleod M*,C*,P*; DP Marshall M*,C*,P*;
MC Oliver M,C*,P; DA Dewar M,C,P; HS Drewett M*,FM,C*,P*;
MK Ellis M,C,P*; SM Ellis M*,FM,C*,P*; DG Forbes
M*,FM,C*,P*,GS*; AD Huxley M*,FM,C*,P*; DP Jones
M*,FM,C*,P*; RP Lowenthal M*,FM,C,P*; SCP Maynard
M*,FM,C*,P*; KI McAusland M*,FM,C*,P*; DG Morrogh
M,C,P*,GS; MB Roe M*,FM,C*,P*; NP Topping
M*,FM*,C*,P*,GS*; GH Bowden E,M,P; TJ Byrne M,C,P;
NW Cole C,P; JF Darrock M,C,P; JH Dibble P; AGM Highfield
Eng,M,P; DG Hunter M,P*,GS,BS; Z.J. Ramsden L,M,P;
GE Williams E,M,P; NJ Worley E,M,P*,GS; JJ Allen M,C,P,GS;
AC Burrell M,C*,P,GS; DRL Griffiths C; AD Keen M,C,P;
CR Pepper P,GS; VP Reuter P; NJC Sale M*,C*,P*;
B Stamenkovic C; PA Grimmett GS; IR Hannah M,C*,P*,GS;
JA Jackson C,P; AG Lock M,C*,P*,GS; IM Manocha M*,C,P;
SJ Nash M,C,P; IP Moffatt C,P; DW Pullan C,P; C.J. Sealey
M,C,P,GS; SN Taylor C,P,GS; R Wingfield C,P; DCA Barnes
M*,C,P,GS; ARG Davies M,C,P,GS; N. Fairweather M,P*,GS;
M Godstone M,P; AN Hogbin M,C,P,GS; TD Howe M,C,P*;
T Lohmann M,C,P; AS Lowe M,C,P,GS; P Reupke E,M,C,P*;
NP Waldie M,P*; GJ Ware C,P; KJ Wotherspoon M,C,P,GS.

'O' LEVEL RESULTS 1984

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examinations:-
P Badger (7); MTH Bailey (8); GK Bourne (7); SD Bryant (7);
NG Dowsett (9); JA Dudmesh (5); SL Farbrother (6); RE Gerrard
(6); J Goldstone (9); IA Hayat (8); JJ Hearn (8); JS Jackson (5);
N McLaughlin (8); JM Moore (5); RC Pack (9); RW Parry (7);
AD Prett (8); TJ Prior (6); DG Reid (9); A Siva (7); A Somerville
(5); LJ Turner (5); IA Wiles (8); J Wrigley (8); DJ Barnard (8);
JK Burgess (9); JH Cook (10); GAP Dibb (8); DA Enskat (5);
R Evans (10); NJ Farmer (10); SK Ford (10); RJ Fryer (8);

PJ Harrison (8); RM Medhurst (10); SD Ogborn (7); PJ Oldcorn
(7); M Platts (6); KD Rayment (8); DJ Saunders (8); SFD Simmons
(8); NT Taylor (8); S Taylor (9); M Thompson (7); ME Uphill (5);
D Wozniak (6); AMF Bailey (10); N Ball (7); GC Clarke (9);
SA Clarke (9); GH Cunnick (10); RW Daw (10); R. Easterbrook
(10); SR Gamble (9); GI Giles (10); DN Greene (9); RJ Jefferies (9);
JA Kazantzis (10); ME Keohane (10); JC Knott (10); MA Lansbury
(5); DC Lowe (10); JS McNaughton (10); GM Ormiston (8);
CA Outhwaite (9); DS Pace (9); I Robinson (9); DJ Rogers (10);
BSJ Ryan (9); JS Sahota (10); AJ Shipley (10); AG Smith (10);
SG Smith (10); CJ Talbot (10); M Weston (10); EJ Wood (10);
SJ Aspinall (10); A Barnes (10); JA Bartlett (10); AJC Boothman
(9); AK Bowker (10); RJH Brownlie (11); DS Chamberlain (10);
PMM Churn (10); RA Chuter (9); GS Collinge (10); JA Goode (9);
PJ Hammond (10); AH Henry (10); MS Higginbottom (10);
D Hooper (8); M Hooper (9); SM Howat (10); SM Howe (9);
DJ Jolly (10); PJ Miller (10); RK Oliver (10); D Pearce (9);
FG Phillips (8); DI Robinson (10); JE Rugg (10); IP Savage (10);
PJ Singleton (10); NC Slater (10); JS Smith (9); N Taylor (10);
PA Thompson (10); KJ Allin (10); MN Ashby (8); KJ Bashford (11);
SJ Baxter (7); CJ Beckford (10); NJ Black (10); DG Blaker (9);
RJ Cleary (9); DN Ellison (8); TJ Harlow (7); JP Harris (9);
NJ Heritage (10); RS Hollingsworth (9); AW Hutt (10); NS
Johnston (9); CDR Jones (9); MK Lamb (9); D May (7); JT Melsom
(9); JD Morris (10); KS Nevels (7); CA Neilsen (9); MR Pope (10);
AJG Read (9); JR Rollason (9); AC Sanderson (10); MJ Scott (10);
AJ Turner (8); AJ Welby (9); NE White (10); IM Wright (9);
BP Adderley (8); MFG Allen (10); JR Balmforth (10); AE Bayly
(10); K Bjelk (9); FGJ Brown (9); GJ Buxton (10); N Clark (6);
JR Cook (8); NJ Cook (10); AR Cox (10); AG Dawson (9);
PA Gibb (10); SF Glasgow (7); N Goodwin (9); SA Hoath (10);
DW Lambert (9); BJ Moore (9); MJN Read (10); MJ Rolfe (9);
GP Scott-Smith (9); NJP Sharples (9); JP Smith (9); MJ Stone (9);
AJ Thornbury (10); RS Tideman (8); LS Waldie (9); PM Ward (7);
JKS Weinblatt (10); BS Wright (10); DM Young (9).

The Four Seasons

(from Horace "Odes IV")

The snows have melted away, greenery is now
returning to the fields,
and on the trees reappear the leaves.

The land is changing in its turn, and rivers now
diminish as they flow past their banks.

Grace with the Nymphs
and their twin sisters dares
unclad to lead the dances.

Hope not for immortality; thus warns the year and
time who snatches away the life-giving light of day

The cold spells grow less bitter with the coming
of the Zephyrs.

Spring is trodden down by Summer, herself about to
die, when at the same time

Apple bearing Autumn pours out the fruits of the
earth
and soon Winter comes back, numbing.



Sport

Rugby

1st XV

The 1st XV enjoyed an extremely successful season winning 14 of their 19 matches and losing only 4 games. There were fears that after losing a good number of senior players the relatively "young" side might find the going tough in a competitive fixture list. However, the team played aggressive and attractive rugby which enabled us to record notable victories over Watford, St. Benedicts, Verulam and Gunnersbury. The R.G.S. pack proved to be too strong for most opponents and apart from producing good ball by some superb rucking movements the forwards achieved a record number of push-over tries in one season. The backs started the season by not using the ball to the best of their ability but their confidence increased with every game and consequently the handling in the three quarters was often quick and effective. Simon Alway, Chris Buss, Justin van der Pant, Mike Cartwright, Patrick Jennings and Gavin Evans all played for the county; and Chris Buss went on to have an England Regional Trial. The team rounded off the 1984-85 season by entertaining a touring side from Boston, Massachusetts. The players would like to thank Mr Gamester for all the hard work he has put in which helped to make this a very enjoyable and successful season of rugby.

S.A. ALWAY (captain)

2nd XV	Played - 16	Drawn - 1
	Won - 11	Lost - 4
	For - 295	Against - 111

The 1984-85 season again proved a successful one for the 2nd XV with some significant victories. A fast and strong pack provided good possession for the backs who grew in confidence as the season progressed, running in many good tries in the later games of the season. The season started shakily with a defeat at Thame by 6-7, but settled down with good wins over Emmanuel School, St Edmunds College and local rivals Sir William Borlase. A 0-4 defeat by King James College, Henley, on a swampy pitch which levelled the teams out, and a hard-fought 10-10 draw at Richard Hale were the build up to the victories over Windsor and Watford, in which the forwards played some of their best rugby. The rest of the season was only marred by a defeat by Aylesbury, in which the Aylesbury backs dominated. The season was topped off by a crushing 56-0 victory at Gunnersbury in which the backs ran in some well worked tries. My thanks go to all who played in the team, mentionably Mark Campbell and Fraser Brown for their efforts in the second row, Alexis Read and David Currie for their consistent high standards of play, and Peter Smith - highest point scorer. My special thanks also to Mr Tattersall and Mr Smith - coach, trainer, critic, humourist, supporter, linesman, rub-a-dub man and selector of the 1984 season.

NEIL EGGLETON

2nd 'B' XV

It was an encouraging season for the 2nd 'B' XV. The yearly problem of inconsistent team selection was largely overcome by the enthusiasm of all the players.

After a slowish start the team played their best rugby in mid season. Only slight inconsistencies in the strength of passing and tackling in the backs robbed the team of more impressive results. At times the dominating play of the forwards was an inspiration with impressive running and tireless endeavour in the tight and loose play. Much gratitude must be given to Guy Townsend for his pack leadership - he was much missed in the final games due to injury.

There is much ability amongst the younger players of the squad and the future of senior school rugby is secure with these players.

I would like to thank Guy Townsend for his help as vice captain and also Mr Chamberlain for his organisation and help as referee for making my season as captain so pleasurable.

D. WILLIAMS

U15 XV	Played - 19	Drawn - 0
	Won - 15	Lost - 4
	For - 357	Against - 146

The U15 'A' Team has enjoyed an excellent season. After a slow start, the team began to play to their full potential with the pack working well to give the backs good ball, which they often capitalized on, to score many good tries. During the season many players considerably improved their game due to good coaching and a magnificent team spirit, culminating in the climax to the season - a convincing 25-0 win over local rivals Aylesbury G.S., avenging a narrow defeat earlier in the season.

Another major highlight of the season was the tour to Holland, the first of such for a U15 team.

Leading try scorers were Justin Macnamara and Justin Pearson. Regular team members were Steve Drage, Jago Brown, Karl Badham, Tim Clarke, Nick Hall, John Skrimshire, Greg Higgins, Justin Pearson, James Fisher, Richard King, Richard Reid, Justin Macnamara, Paul Moss, Andrew Brimelow, Steve Cook, Charles Eales, Ainger Scanlon and Hugh Twitchen.

Many thanks go to Mr Wheeler and the parents who helped with the after-match refreshments.

JUSTIN PEARSON (captain)

U14 XV 'A' XV	Played - 13	Drawn - 2
	Won - 6	Lost - 5
	For - 203	Against - 156

Deprived of the captain and goal-kicking fly-half, Nicholas Beal, for most of the season and with problems in other positions, the U14 XV were at times a well-beaten side (0-34 v. Oratory; 0-22 v. Watford; 0-16 v. Aylesbury; 8-24 v. St Edmund's, Ware). 26 players were used in the 'A' XV, and positional changes were made in the effort to find a successful combination. The loss of Mr Stubbs's coaching for most of the previous season meant that a lot of basic work had still to be done during a busy programme of matches. Injuries, illness and departures from the school further disrupted the side. None of the units in the side were ever stable, and even at the end of the season, which was interrupted by bad weather (5 out of 6 games after Christmas were cancelled), a settled team was not obtained. The evidence of the inter-form competition showed that the leading group of players is not yet clearly defined.

In this situation the way is open for a number of players who are prepared to train hard and intelligently at individual and unit skills to win places in next year's Under 15 XV.

S.R.G.

U13 XV

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
'A' XV	8	5	1	2	165	93
'B' XV	7	7	0	0	167	20

This season was highlighted by the strength in depth of the squad, and for the first time since we started 'B' Team rugby in 1973, this team remained unbeaten under the excellent captaincy and leadership of Simon Shaw. They only conceded 4 tries all season!

The 'A' Team also performed admirably on many occasions and only lost narrowly to Watford and Aylesbury. The front row of Matthew McCarthy, Ashley Rees and Matthew Drage proved to be a solid platform and were well backed up in the second row by Matthew Cunningham and Frazer Martin. Our back row proved to be good ball winners and attackers with Joly Hemus at No.8 scoring six tries and Daniel McNamara and Wayne Holden two each.

The backs were a strong cohesive unit and good service from our scrum-half Bruce Jerome initiated many a good attack. Captain Simon Pearson was creative at outside half and scored twice. Our wingers Chris Hamp and Carl Cropper scored six tries each, while Ian Gould scored two tries, Frazer Currie five tries and one conversion, and Michael Weaver four tries, eleven conversions and two penalties. Duncan Sutton tackled well at full back and was strong running in offence.

The season ended with a good performance at the St. Georges Harpenden Invitation Sevens, where we reached the semi-finals, only to lose narrowly to the eventual easy winners Cwmtawe. Michael Weaver shone here with a personal tally of 40 points!

D.J. STUBBS & R.J. DOSSER
Masters I/C

Hockey

1st XI	Played - 16	Won - 7
	Lost - 6	For - 31
	Drawn - 3	Against - 30

With only four of last year's talented side remaining, only an average season was expected. In fact, the record does show that this team has been capable of playing some very attractive hockey.

The season started with a fine win over Sir William Borlase School in the final of the High Wycombe Hockey Club 11-a-side tournament. The opposition had 5 players of divisional standard but superb defence from David Capel in goal and Nick White took the game to penalties. Our next match v. Kingston G.S. was drawn but we created sufficient chances to have won. This was David Capel's last game as he left school on being offered a job at Equity and Law.

Performances since Christmas have been variable. Bad weather, injuries and university interviews have all affected team continuity. Our 6-3 defeat at Abingdon was the lowest point of the year but we recovered to beat a strong K.C.S. Wimbledon XI 2-1, and Desborough School 5-1.

Nick White has led by example and has organised the team well defensively. Geoff Newell is now a much improved player who was well suited to marking roles. Grant Ormiston and Chris Beckford have worked hard in mid-field to set up attacks in which Adrian Abbott on the right wing has been particularly effective. Most of the goals were scored by Mike Farmer and Sean Sawyer who were both capable of worrying the best of defences. Kevin Bint and Richard Grant developed into useful players with Graham Farrar and Alasdair Bath filling vacant positions well. Richard Ryll kept goal.

During the season David Capel, Mike Farmer and Nick White played in the Bucks U19 team which won the Southern Counties Championship. Mike played for the South-East Division Under 18 team and David was selected as non-travelling reserve for the England U18 squad which has tournaments in Wales and Brussels.

Several younger members of the school have shown real promise at a high level already. Their development should ensure that long-term prospects for success are very good.

D.G.S.



2nd XI	Played - 14	Won - 5
	Drawn - 3	Lost - 6
	For - 29	Against - 20

The season began with a few low scoring games. One or two players were promoted to the 1st XI which prevented the team from settling into a rhythm. However as the season progressed, the team played more fluent hockey and results improved. This change became obvious in the last five games of the season which yielded 31 goals (20 for and 11 against).

There were good wins against Desborough School; (5-0) and Hershel (7-1). The worst defeat was inflicted on an under-strength side by Reading Blue Coat School 1st XI (7-0). Chris Shaw found the net regularly with 14 goals and Chris Lewendon scored 6.

Thanks go to Mr Grundy for his continued help with the running of the team.

The following played regularly: C. Shaw, R. King, A. Bath, T. Williamson, J. Gatward, M. Pope, R. Medhurst, T. Prior, C. Lewendon, C. Davies. I. Kennedy suffered serious injury and missed most matches.

C. SHAW



WRONG GAME MATE !!

3rd XI	Played - 5	Won - 0
	Drawn - 1	Lost - 4
	For - 8	Against - 19

The 3rd XI, fielding an inexperienced side were unlucky to be left with such a record. However, what was lacking in skill was made up for in enthusiasm, and great enjoyment was derived from all our games. Top scorer was Richard Walker with 5 goals in 3 games.

Without doubt the highlights of the season were the epic 2-2 draw with John Hampden, and the tea at Shiplake.

The team was selected mainly from: H. Clark, R. Walker, D. Copping, I. Hale, D. Hamm, J. Goode, R. Brownlie, D. Ellison, N. White, S. Aspinall, C. Nickday, D. Pearce, K. Bashford. Many thanks to Messrs Earl and Rodger for their running of the team.
D. PEARCE (captain)

UNDER 16	Played - 6	Won - 3
	Drawn - 0	Lost - 3
	For - 12	Against - 15

This year group plays few fixtures. The better players have been selected for the Senior teams. Carl Davies, Martin Heys, Neil Stephenson and Jon Walker have all played for Bucks U16's. Several have, along with U15 players, been playing for High Wycombe Hockey Club Colts XI which has had a most successful season finishing Runners-up in the Mercian Home Counties Colts League.

All members should gain regular selection in the Senior School teams next year.

D.G.S.

UNDER 15	Played - 15	Won - 11
	Drawn - 1	Lost - 3
	For - 54	Against - 18

The team have had a very good season. Congratulations must go to Sajid Ali, Gavin Bambury and Justin Hall who were selected for the South East Under 16 team. They, along with Gavin Elliott and Jonathan Lane, were regular members of the Bucks Under 15 team who became Southern Counties Champions for the first time. Although playing well as a team special mention must be made of Michael McAllister who has been a strong, match-winning centre forward, scoring 31 goals in all. Our thanks go to Mr Pantridge who helped create a fine

team spirit and to the parents who were able to come along and support.

Team Members: Hall, Hatcher, Elliott, Cook, Ali, Mould, Lane, Bambury, McAllister, New, Devonport, Buxton, Britnell.

R.N.P.

UNDER 14	Played - 11	Won - 1
	Drawn - 2	Lost - 8
	For - 17	Against - 32

If points were awarded for effort and enthusiasm then the team would have won all the year's games on this alone. However, in most matches we did play the better hockey, showing good understanding of the game. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions at the beginning of the year, the state of some pitches favoured the larger opposition using a 'hit and run' technique.

Our worst result, earlier in the season, was a 5-0 defeat to a more experienced Sir William Borlase side, but since then knowledge and confidence has increased, and we hope to turn the tables next year. The last game of the season was played at Bisham, and we achieved a convincing 4-0 victory over Aylesbury G.S. to end the season on an encouragingly high note.

Martin Tucker has done well this season, representing both U14 and U15 county sides, and was selected to play for the U14 South of England team.

Our thanks go to Mr Sollars and to Mr Pantridge for their continuing support throughout the year, as we look forward to next season.

M.A. TUCKER

Cricket

1st XI	Played - 17	Lost - 2
	Won - 6	Drawn - 9

Batting

Andrew Duncan 342 runs @ 38.0
 Tim Scriven 456 runs @ 35.1
 Sean Sawyer 342 runs @ 34.2
 Philip Saich 158 runs @ 31.6
 Richard Styles 366 runs @ 28.2
 David Barnes 346 runs @ 26.6
 Adrian Abbott 371 runs @ 24.7
 Paul Miller 134 runs @ 13.4

Bowling

Tim Scriven 40 wkts @ 14.0
 James Lawrence 3 wkts @ 14.1
 Paul Miller 13 wkts @ 14.5
 Simon Alway 17 wkts @ 19.8
 Sean Sawyer 21 wkts @ 21.8

Catches

Neil Cole (wkt-keeper)(7+4 stumpings); Paul Miller (10); David Barnes (8); Simon Alway (8); Adrian Abbott (7).

Full Colours Awarded

Richard Styles, Neil Cole, Sean Sawyer, Simon Alway, Adrian Abbott.

Bucks School U19

Tim Scriven, Andrew Duncan, Richard Styles, Sean Sawyer.

Centuries:

Tim Scriven (100* v. Bledlow), Sean Sawyer (100* v. Emanuel)

(*Awarded County Schools Colours)

1984's 1st XI was a talented group of players - at their best more than a match for most, but occasionally lacking in spirit.

Surprisingly, the opening two games were lost - after declarations. The defeat by Tiffin, the only match lost to a school side, was a disappointment. A weakened team (a result of disciplinary measures) failed to bowl adequately on a bowlers' pitch.

After these two defeats, where the bowling was unsuccessful, the side went undefeated through the rest of the season. Six good wins were achieved (most notably v. Abingdon, whose only defeat this was), and of the nine draws, only that against Watford was neither evenly contested nor in R.G.S.'s favour. Defeat was close against Watford, whose spinners proved too much for some of our batsmen.

Not one game was lost or abandoned to bad weather in a remarkably fine summer.

The team was better equipped for batting second, chasing runs, than for batting first and then trying to bowl opponents out. Unfortunately, in only 6 games were they chasing.

The batting was capable of winning most matches, although it faltered in run chases against Watford and against Aylesbury. The top six batsmen were all successful. Four represented the County Schools side; the other two could well have done the same. The lower-order batsmen were all capable performers.

Tim Scriven scored a century in the opening game and looked a very good bat. He scored two further fifties, but did not get quite the number of runs of which he was capable. Andrew Duncan at his best was exhilarating and always eager for action, but good spin bowling troubled him unduly. He missed the last few games of the season. Sean Sawyer, usually at No. 6, was a very good stroke-player. He made his maiden century v. Emanuel and scored one other fifty. The opening batsmen both did good jobs. Richard Styles started and finished the season very well and deservedly won county selection. He made three fifties. In his first season Adrian Abbot worked hard and scored steadily, including one fifty. He deserved his full colours. The Captain, David Barnes, at No. 5 fought his way through an uncertain start and late in the season was hitting the ball very effectively. He was a better batsman than his one fifty for the season suggests. Late in the term Philip Saich came into the side and, apart from scoring his maiden fifty, he looked a good 1st XI batsman.

Those batting below No. 6 found their opportunities limited. Paul Miller, whilst not consistent, showed promise for the future. Simon Alway who scored a century for the 2nd XI, looked a useful batsman, and Neil Cole, an improving batsman, played some valuable knocks at important times, as did the sensible James Lawrence.

The seam bowling attack, entirely from the Lower Sixth, lacked pace and bounce. The third seamer's spot was won by James Lawrence, who, with 33 wickets and 5 wickets-in-an-innings twice, was the revelation of the season with his medium pace. Sean Sawyer, expected to be the key strike bowler, was disappointing. He over-pitched too often. However, he

was bowling better at the end of the season. Simon Alway, after a late start, bowled fairly well at times, but he became too readily despondent at his relative lack of success. With more conviction, he would be a real threat to opponents.

The Chief wicket-taker was Tim Scriven with his classical slow left-arm attack. After an indifferent start he bowled very well at times later in the season and took 10 wickets in the two-day match with Emanuel.

Paul Miller's leg spin was not really seen until mid-season, but it proved a valuable asset to the attack. He should pick up a number of 1st XI wickets. Julian Gatward's off-spin was not controlled enough to be properly effective at 1st XI level.

The fielding was generally good. No-one was a "passenger". Very few catches were dropped and a lot of good ones were held. Wicket-keeper Neil Cole, slowly gaining confidence, improved his work and did quite a good job. The Captain, David Barnes, set a good example in the field.

The captaincy was always thoughtful, sensible and positive. David Barnes wanted results, and he was not afraid to declare boldly. His leadership was quiet, calm and reliable, and he never gave less than his own best as an example.

Cricket is not all about the pursuit of technical excellence; it is also about character. Too many individuals in the team were too often concerned with their own performance and not the team's. Such attitudes are not what school cricket aims to foster. Generosity of spirit, good temper in adversity, self-criticism (rather than blaming others or blaming circumstances), cheerfulness and sportsmanship: these are the qualities I shall be looking for in 1985.

S.R.G.

2nd XI

With the vagaries of the British summer for once in our favour, the 2nd XI was yet again able to complete a highly successful season. The only defeat of the year came, as recent history would suggest, at the hands of Worcester Royal Grammar School and this despite an 8th wicket partnership of 53 between Pat Jennings and Alex Twitchen that so nearly saved the game but at least saved some pride from a disappointing overall performance.

The dominant feature of the side was the strength of bowling. Six times we were able to bowl out sides for less than 100 and only once did a side score over 200 (Worcester R.G.S.). Gareth Cann did the main damage taking 41 wickets at an average of 7.1. Support came mainly from Alex Twitchen, James Cook, Ian Wiles, Justin van der Pant and Captain Stephen Podesta who destroyed Abingdon taking 5 for 4 with his orthodox off-spin.

If the bowling was good then the batting, which promised much, was inconsistent despite the occasional good innings. Indeed we were sometimes left rescuing a draw when only a modest total was required. Simon Alway took apart the Tiffin bowling to score 104 in his only game for the seconds and Phil Saich recovered from an early lack of form to score a timely 85 against Dr Challoners. Stephen Podesta, 57, Justin van der Pant, 53, and Nazeer Ahmed, 61 all scored much needed half centuries. Stephen Podesta emerged as the most consistent run maker scoring 193 runs at an average of 19.3.

Our thanks go once again to Mr Chamberlain for his time and expertise and to the groundsmen and the tea ladies without whom much would not be possible.

ALEX TWITCHEN

3rd XI Won - 2 Drawn - 1
 Lost - 1

A shaky start in the first two games the 3rd XI played (a draw against Tiffin and a loss against Hampton) was mainly due to the lack of penetrating bowling and hosts of dropped catches. The last two games of the season were wins against Emanuel (by 70 runs) and Queen Elizabeth's Barnet. Notable performances for the 3rd XI was a 63 not out by Mike Cartwright in the first match, a 77 n.o. by Nick Goodwin in the last; the best bowling figures being 7 for 20 in a very good showing of Queen Elizabeth's Barnet by Richard Thornton. The 3rd XI cricket was very enjoyable this year and the promise of more matches in the 1985 season is well looked forward to by many in the fifth and sixth forms.

N. GOODWIN

UNDER 15 Played - 16 Drawn - 4
 Won - 8 Lost - 4

This season's Under 15 group were somewhat disappointing. They are a good games-playing year group, but not a particularly good cricket-playing group. Too many of them relied on a 'good eye' and trusted to instinct instead of buckling down to the business of learning technique.

No fewer than nine batsmen averaged over 15; the basic ability was there. However, the leading batsmen were unreliable and too often got out to rash or naive strokes. James Baker, Martin Flack, Peter Smith, Mark Puddephatt, Robert Jordan and Gavin Davey were the leading run scorers, although not all of them had successful or consistent seasons.

The bowling relied far too heavily on the opening pair, James Baker and Justin McNamara. They took 50 wickets between them; no one else managed 10. Medium-pacers Robert Jordan and Jonathan Walker bowled fairly well at times but neither had the control to be long successful. The spinners did not bowl well enough to give the attack any positive variety.

At times the fielding was acceptable, but the sense of purpose that a good fielding side requires was not always inspired by its captain or its wicket-keeper.

Perhaps the team's best feature was its running between the wickets.

Best wishes to all those who go on to play for Senior School elevens in 1985.

Leading Averages:

James Baker 293 runs @ 26.6
 Robert Hordan 172 runs @ 24.6
 Peter Smith 250 runs @ 22.7
 Mark Puddephatt 239 runs @ 19.9
 Martin Flack 270 runs @ 18.0
 Gavin Davey 173 runs @ 15.7

James Baker 26 wkts @ 12.7
 Justin McNamara 23 wkts @ 13.9

UNDER 14 Played - 16 Won - 14
 Drawn - 2 Lost - 0

It is very seldom that such an impressive record occurs in cricket and this team must rank as the most successful ever at this level.

Often batting first on winning the toss, both openers Matthew Dodds and Phil Shaylor twice made 50 and showed good application. Sajid Ali plundered several attacks with instinctive stroke-play, making his best score of 83 against a good Watford G.S. side. Significant contributions came from Roger Mould, Ian Cann, Martin Middleton and Hugh Twitchen.

Captain John Skrimshire's all-round talents developed well. He scored 70 twice and took wickets regularly. The bowling attack had plenty of variety with steady pace from Tim Clark, Gary Saunders who devastated Watford with 6 wickets and Martin Taylor whose spell of 4 for 15 won the Borlase match. Robert Devonport's left-arm spin grew in confidence and proved to be a valuable asset. Roger Mould's leg-spin and the off-spin of Allan MacCaskill and Richard Wilkinson often troubled the opposition batting.

The team was well captained in the field with Matthew Dodds keeping wicket very tidily.

The season finished with a 7 wicket win over Aylesbury G.S. in the final of the Bucks section of the Lord's Taverners' Competition. This enables the team to go forward to represent the county in the National Rounds as Under 15's. With regular county players Skrimshire, Ali, Dodds and many others showing considerable promise, prospects are good.

D.G.S.



UNDER 13 Played - 11 Won - 5
 Drawn - 2 Lost 4

Last season may not have been the most successful in terms of results, but it was certainly a most enjoyable one, with a good team spirit being maintained through out the season. The squad displayed a good deal of raw talent, but a number of promising situations were reversed due to inexperience and a certain lack of application, with the bowlers failing to bowl a good line and length in close games and the propensity of hitting across a straight delivery brought about the demise of many a batsman.

Tim Seymour, Azhar Hameed and Andrew Swain were the most consistent of the batsmen with Hameed hitting the season's only half-century with 61 n.o. v. Dr. Challoner's. Alastair Whittome was the most consistent bowler, but the best figures of the season were returned by Dale Parkinson who took 5-2 v. William Borlase.

The following all represented the U13 'A' team during the season: N. Ahmed, A. Ball, N. Beal, S. Cartledge, J. Cole, R. Dawson, S. Evans, R. Flack, M. Gordon, A. Hameed, M. Hazell, S. Martin, D. Parkinson, T. Seymour, A. Swain, A. Whittome.

S.B.G.

A.R.Y.

Basketball

UNDER 19 Played - 8 Lost - 6
 Won - 2 Points For - 357
 Points Against - 530

This year's side suffered a tremendous loss of talent and height from last year's team, leaving only two of its squad members. Considering this, however, the season started off well, winning at Desborough, who were obviously not yet used to their new rings. Our next friendly against a tall Aylesbury side was less fortunate, only narrowly losing. (Where was our hero Mike Cartwright?). A long trip to Southampton, which obviously affected our game, meant that we were knocked out of this year's Nationals by a strong Barton Peveril team.

All was not lost, however, when we managed to make an impressive win over local rivals Dr. Challoners, 90-41. In the Bucks Cup again we were narrowly defeated by a tall Chesham team, who went on to win the cup, and also win in our vengeful return fixture. Two friendlies against the USAF Base were an upsetting end to the season - all those screaming girls were too much for serious concentration.

Carlo Petri has been this year's best player, showing great promise, but Mike Cartwright, Nic De Luca, Rob Cleary and Arjunan Sira have played consistently showing individual talent. Invaluable contributions were given by Gavin Steen, Jeremy Welch, Rob Hollingsworth, Tim Nuthall and Darren Wigham.

Finally, thanks go to Mr Stubbs for his support, encouragement and management of the team.

NIC DE LUCA(Capt.)

UNDER 16

Some losses to the side early in the season meant the squad only consisted of eight Fifth Formers. Despite this the squad had a good season of Basketball. Our first match was in the national competition and inexperience was the cause of our two point defeat. However this disappointing result, was felt by all the other schools thereafter and we continued through the season without another defeat. Four out of the seven schools we played conceded over one hundred points.

Last year's potential proved themselves this year, and became the 'back-up men' when a victory was essential. Gratitude to the back-up team of Tim Nuthall, David Currie and Angus Pond. The bulk of our high scoring matches came from our fast-break ploy - lob the ball to Peter Smith. In one match alone he scored 52 points - breaking the school record in this age group. Darren Wigham, the other guard has always been able to make his presence felt both to the opposition and the team! Mark Campbell, our tallest player has always been able to keep the bench warm and have time for a reject for the five minutes he plays on court! Simon Ryan, Sajid Ali, David Meli and John Skrimshire have been consistent playing in the squad. Good captaincy by Carlo Petri has led the team to many victories, including the county cup. Top point scorers were:

Points	Games	Played
Carlo Petri	209	7
Tim Nuthall	182	8
Peter Smith	91	5

David Currie	54	8
Darren Wigham	38	5

Our thanks to Mr Stubbs who has given much of his time to organise and coach our team.

UNDER 15 Played - 7 Won - 2
 Lost - 5 Points For - 309
 Points Against - 286

After losing last year's Captain, James Gamble, through illness, after just one game of the season, the team failed to find its rhythm and won only 2 of the 7 games played.

Despite this, the players can be pleased with themselves as the standard of play had obviously improved.

The games included 2 hard-fought matches against Misbourne School, with the R.G.S. losing both times by just 2 points; 36-38 and 20-22. We had our usual tussle with Chesham High School, eventually losing the game after a tremendous fightback in the second half, which saw us pull back from 17-51 at half time, to 58-65 at the end of the match. Thanks go to Mr Gibson for his help and encouragement throughout the season.

The top point scorers were: J. Skrimshire 78, D. Meli 78, and S. Ali 75. Team members were Dave Meli (Capt.), Sajid Ali, John Skrimshire, Phillip Shayler, Andrew Brimelow, Andrew Pegler, Justin Pearson, Gavin Elliot, Paul Moss, Clive Nickolay, Nick Moore, James Tapley, James Gamble.

Record:	Played - 7	Won - 2
	Lost - 5	Points for - 309
	Points Against - 286	

D. MELI

Swimming

This year's swimming team has been, in Mr Learmonth's words, 'the strongest that the school has ever had'. It has won all its senior matches and the U16s have only been defeated once. The seniors have dominated all of their matches by coming first and second in 33 of their 35 races in that age group.

The U14 team has performed creditably also being defeated just the once. Queen Elizabeth's Barnet were the school to beat both the U16s and U14s, but were defeated by the seniors. However this was not enough to prevent the school from losing the match overall.

The other 4 matches were totally dominated by the three R.G.S. teams with Watford, Sir William Borlase and Forest schools not winning any of the races in the matches.

Tony Lewis, Simon Lee, Brian Wright and Chris Buss went the whole season without losing a race. The first three and Thomas Payne have been in the county championships and won various medals. Simon Lee swam well in the National Championships and is currently training in America.

My thanks go to Mr Learmonth who did so much for school swimming in his years at the school.

The teams were:

Senior: S. Lee (Captain), C. Buss, M. Cartwright, B. Wright, R. Wingfield, A. Prevett.

U16: Payne, Iake, Aylaing, Gabriel, Godfrey, Davis

U14: Lewis, Martin, Read, Cook, Tucker.

CHRIS BUSS

Badminton

This season has been the most successful for the badminton team for more than five years. In the six matches played the school was undefeated and they never conceded more than 3 games in any single match. Our most prestigious victory was against Stowe School who succumbed to only their second defeat in five years against all opposition. The staff match again provided the highpoint of the year, and resulted in an 8-1 victory, the only staff win supplied by Messrs Clark & Page.

Thanks are extended to the other members of staff who provided a match of great entertainment if not a particularly high standard of play.

Individually the backbone of the team has been James Lawrence, who was undefeated throughout the season, Adam Turner and Aled Smith. Adam Turner has also represented the county this year at both U18 and senior level in the Bucks III team.

Signs of blossoming talent in the lower school should ensure that the badminton team will still be a force to be reckoned with in years to come.

Thanks are due to Mr White-Taylor and to Iain Kennedy who have efficiently arranged our matches this season. Half-colours have been awarded to: Graham Farrar, Philip Saich and Aled Smith.

JAMES LAWRENCE
(Team Captain)



Cross-Country

The senior team has had only moderate success this season, yet we do have one of our strongest senior teams for many years. David Hooper has run consistently well all season, coming 3rd in the WADDESDON OPEN and representing Bucks in the National Championships; the whole senior team including David Jolly, Mike Read, Mark Stephenson, Mark Hooper and Giles Weblin also represented the County in an Inter-Counties fixture.

At intermediate level, Andrew Bailey, Tony Wilcox and Neil Panchen, all only in the 4th Form, represented the County with Neil Panchen running splendidly in the Nationals.

The leading junior is Paul Fines-Allin who came 9th

at Waddesdon and represented the County splendidly on two occasions.

Also running for the senior team in the Nationals was Philip Hennessy who has been injured for most of the season. He finished 37th after very little training, so will undoubtedly be the school number one next season. Indeed he won the School Open with David Hooper second, Neil Panchen third and Andrew Bailey fourth. With only two members of the senior team leaving this year, I believe we can look forward to next year being one of considerable success.

IAN J. WILSON



Adrian Griffin. "National under 18 foil champion"
"Public Schools Senior foil champion"

Fencing

This last year is going to be a very difficult one to follow. It started way back last summer when the team secured 3rd place (the highest placed school team) in the Southern Section under 18 team competition. Once September came and the new school year began there has been no going back.

The teams have excelled in their performances. There is not a school that we have fenced and not beaten. Victories were recorded against Radley, Bradfield, Douai (twice), K.C.S. Wimbledon (twice), Wellington, Marlborough, Merchant Taylors, Winchester and Harrow. The captain, Adrian Griffin, lost only one foil fight out of 32 in these matches; an unrivalled achievement. These team results were capped by an excellent performance in the National Schools Team competition at Dulwich where we came 3rd behind Brentwood and Whitgift after putting out Millfield in the quarter finals.

Individual competitions have brought in a treasure trove of medals and notable successes. In any other season Nick Payne's wins in both the BBO under 14 and Southern Section under 14 foil competitions would have been the major achievements of the year. James

Everard's fifth in the National under 18 épée would have been our greatest National result ever. But both these were overshadowed by Adrian Griffin's triumph in the National under 18 foil where he took both the overall title and the cup for the highest placed school entrant. And when this was followed by his superb performance in the Public Schools Championships at Crystal Palace where he won the Senior Foil title ahead of 118 other entrants, it seems that 1985 ought to be renamed the Year of The Griffin.

Adrian Griffin has been an excellent captain of the team in matches and a great encouragement to junior fencers. My thanks go to Allan Skipp, our superb coach and to Mrs. Payne who has given such great help to us at home matches. Finally, I must wish the leavers well. Adrian and James Everard will continue to make their way in national fencing (Adrian has already represented Britain against West Germany at under 20 level and will fence for England in the under 18 home internationals). Simon Alway and Giles Weblin, even if they do not continue fencing at university, can look back on their efforts at the R.G.S. with a great deal of satisfaction as a job well done and gratefully recorded.

James Bartlett will be the captain for next year. Simon Aspinall has been awarded full colours and will be vice captain.

JOHN ROEBUCK

Rowing

After a relatively modest performance in recent years the R.G.S. boat club seems to be regaining some of its former glory.

Last year's 1st IV, shown below in the club's recently acquired carbon fibre boat, attended eight regattas last season, winning three and being well placed against many larger and more experienced crews in the other five.



Bow - stern: R. Sharp, J.P. Taylor, H. Drewett, A. Gaylard, T. Lohmann.

Much of the crew's success was due to the enthusiasm and encouragement of the cox, Tim Lohmann, and the then captain of boats, Heath Drewett. Much credit must also go to Mr Blyth whose patient and constructive coaching proved invaluable.

The second crew, having slightly less ambitious goals, attended two regattas, qualifying for the second heat in each.

The J16 crew had a better season, reaching the semi-finals in each of the three regattas they attended. The crew gained much valuable experience from these events and this is now proving useful to this year's second IV.

The club had an added success in the Autumn term when Alexei Gaylard, formerly first four stroke, won the novice scullers section of the "Walton small boat's head". He now competes regularly for both the R.G.S. and London Rowing Club.

Prospects for the coming season look good, the 1st and 2nd crews having already competed well in various "head" races. Notably the J15s under Mr Edwards' supervision are training with exceptional enthusiasm and show great potential for future success.

Lastly thanks must go to Messrs Blyth, Edwards, Meyer and Box for their dedication and patience without which none of last year's success would have been possible.

J.P. TAYLOR

Tennis

Played - 8	Won - 6
Drawn - 1	Lost - 1

The season started well with convincing wins against Watford G.S., Sir William Borlase, and St Bartholomew's Newbury and the only draw of the season came against a very strong team from Highgate School.

The appearance of two members of the lower school helped the team to a fine victory over Merchant Taylor's School. U. Nganga and N. Smith, who both train with the Junior National Squad at Bisham Abbey, partnered Andrew Knox and Jeremy Morris and won four out of their six matches.

The only defeat of the season came when the team was outplayed on the grass courts of Magdalen College School, Oxford, eventually losing 5½ - 3½.

In the Clark Cup (the National Schools' Championship) A. Knox and M. Stephenson reached the quarter-finals where they lost to the eventual runners-up.

Although the team lacked any strength in depth this proved to be a very successful season and this season we hope to do even better. Our thanks go to Mr Earl and Mr Grundy for their organisation of the matches.

M. STEPHENSON



Fives

This season the Eton Fives Club played away fixtures against Stowe School, Highgate School, Wellington College, Harrow School and the Harrow Hill Fives Club, and a home fixture against the Eton Fives

Association. The fortunes of the Club were less successful than last year and our best result was a draw against the Harrow Hill Club which was produced by Tim Prior and Ijaz Hayat. However, some of the other matches in our fixtures were only narrowly lost. We hope for better things next year when our team will have had an extra year's experience. The present Captain is Ian Wiles and the Vice-Captain is Aled Smith. As long as our courts remain uncovered most of our fixtures will continue to be away matches.

In the Easter term the Middle School inter-form Fives competition was held. The winner of the 5th form Fives competition was 5EP, while the 4th form competition was won by 4G. There is considerable interest in Fives among some 4th formers and some 2nd formers which we hope will benefit the Club in future years.

M.J.S.

R.G.S./Lady Verney Netball Match

On Tuesday 12th March the R.G.S. and Lady Verney netball teams met to raise money for the Ethiopian Famine Appeal. Seven intrepid members of the rugby and basketball teams made their way to the Lady Verney high school in a confident and determined mood. The Bucks Free Press were lying in wait for the unsuspecting "Magnificent Seven" who then had to endure 15 minutes of extensive photography and interviews before starting the game. As the team lined up against their glamorous counter-parts the R.G.S. coach felt worried that this instant fame might have gone to the players' heads; however, the seven lads, all clad in full netball regalia, soon proved that this fear was completely unfounded as they rose to the occasion with skilful improvisation. Despite the unfamiliarity with the rules, inexperience of the team and a mix-up in defensive positioning the boys played some fluent and exciting netball which caught the highly rated girls' team completely by surprise. The team showed amazing self-control throughout the match manfully resisting the temptation to dribble the ball and, indeed, to tackle the opposition. However, by the end of the first half the flustered Lady Verney team had managed to draw level at 12 - 12. The second half saw several off the ball incidents and the attractive umpire had her work cut out to keep physical contact to a minimum, as the R.G.S. team threw everything they had at the panic stricken Lady Verney girls, in a desperate attempt to build up an unbeatable lead. With the match drawing to an end tension was running high in both camps as there was never more than a point in the scores. Both the girls' reputation and pride were at stake, but a few crucial umpiring decisions went against the R.G.S. team allowing the girls to snatch victory in the final seconds 27 - 26. The Magnificent Seven were justifiably disappointed to lose such a close fixture against a team which boasts four county caps. The event was nevertheless a complete success with regards to the fund raising as the two schools have raised over £400 for the Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

Chess Club

The Chess Club is enjoying another successful year in both the local, school and men's leagues. We have also fared well in the Individual County Tournaments; Chris Doe has

won the U16 county title, while Matthew Ball has carried off the U14 cup. Matthew Leigh is also in strong contention for the U18 prize, which has not yet been completed.

Perhaps our finest achievement was the victory over Aylesbury G.S. in the zonal final of the Sunday Times National Competitor. Wins over Aylesbury are always to be relished and this was ample revenge for last year's suffering at their hands. Now we face Watford G.S. in the first of the inter-zonal rounds.

The 1st Team is struggling a bit in Division I of the local men's league, but with the toughest fixtures behind them, should avoid relegation. Matthew Leigh has played solidly and has achieved the most consistently good results in the team, while Chris Kennedy has taken one or two prized scalps on board one. Kevin Buzzard and Chris Doe have played very steadily and are deservedly moving up in the board order, making the 1st Team's future very rosy.

The 2nd Team are doing moderately well and will finish the season in the middle of Division III. The U16 Team is presently unbeaten and look like winning their league. The U14 teams though have suffered a few hiccups and neither A nor B Team will win their league.

Chess Club is still running every lunchtime in Room 14 and is very popular, particularly with the Junior School. Thanks must go to Jonathan Melsom for supervising at lunchtime, to Mr Clark for his organisation, and to Mr Cook, the chauffeur.

P.I.H. JENNINGS (Captain)

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club had a very encouraging start to the year when the school was represented by four sixth formers at the Bucks and Berks schools competition at Marlow. This was the first time these players had competed at this level and they did very well to come 2nd and 8th in a field of thirty pairs. Since then the school has had a disappointing result in the Daily Mail National Cup, held at Eton. This lack of success has driven the team to settle for some less demanding fixtures, mainly friendly matches against local girls' schools. The Easter term ended with a defeat by a very competent staff team - the first such defeat in recent history.

P. DAWSON (Captain)

Rifle Club

Catastrophe struck in January when we were informed that the range did not conform to the most recent safety requirements and all shooting would have to cease at once.

Thanks to immediate action by the TAVR and Mr Kirby, the builder, work was soon underway to modify the buttes to satisfy fully recent range regulations.

The work was finished and after inspection the range was cleared for use just two hours before the Biannual Inspection on 21st March, enabling the planned inter-section shoot to take place. Results were: RAF 'A' team 199/200; RAF 'B' team 196/200; Army team /200; RN team /200.

Since then the Assegein Trophy and the "Country Life" national competitions have been fired, the results being eagerly awaited.

C.P.S.

Clubs and Societies

Public Speaking and Debating

1985 was the swansong of several of the school's experienced speakers and debaters. Our performances lived up to this expectation, even if the judges did not, on occasion, appreciate what they were hearing.

For the third year running, Matthew Leigh and Chris Kennedy were regional champions in the Observer Mace Debating Competition. Unfortunately the national semi-final saw them once again placed runners-up by the narrowest of margins, just missing out on the nationally broadcast final.

Hans Copas, with Ben O'Flynn chairing and Robert Irvine as vote of thanks, met with a judging R.G.S. old boy, who seemed biased *against* the school, when he presented his entertaining speech on oratory past and present in one local heat of the English Speaking Union Competition. In another heat, however, Matthew Leigh supported by Pat Jennings and Chris Kennedy, spoke (in Latin and Greek as well as English) on the need to retain the Classics in school curricula. This team won through to the Bucks Final where, despite appearing to entertain the audience the most, they were placed third.

General Gordon was the subject of Hans Copas' speech in the Rotary Club Senior Competition in which, although ably supported by Matthew Leigh and Robert Irvine, he was unplaced. Since all the speakers mentioned above are in their last year at the school it was very encouraging to see David Young and Simon Smith with Simon Monjack speaking on juvenile crime, win their local heat of the junior Rotary Club Competition before losing to Wycombe Abbey in the local final.

Finally, thanks go to Mrs Kennedy and Mr Leigh for transport to far off places and to Mrs McGuinness, Dr Smith and D.G. 'Coach' Jones for knocking the lads into shape.

CHRIS KENNEDY

Quiz Team

The R.N.I.B. quiz competition, which once took in teams from all over the East of England, is now rumoured to have collapsed after the other counties refused to continue being beaten by teams from Bucks. However, its incipient demise has not prevented the redoubtable Mr Colman from organising a Bucks competition in which our team of Mark Walmsley 5E, Peter Denison 4C, Alex Welby 6C, Chris Neilsen 6LF, and Philip Lewin 3CP have so far won their only game against Dr. Challoner's.

This year Mr Edwards took on the burden of organising the Bucks/Herts region of the School's Challenge competition, and our team of Gareth McCaughan 4C, Tom Walker 5E, Robert Irvine 6C2 and Matthew Leigh 6C2 have succeeded in beating all opposition with large margins, though they often lose concentration once safely ahead. Our victims have included Dr. Challoner's, Berkhamsted Boys, Haberdashers' Aske's and Aylesbury Grammar, though Aylesbury did have the consolation of vanquishing our Junior Schools' Challenge team of

Richard Buckley 3T, Christopher Bray 2IW, Donald Garner 2HM, Carl Walsh 2C.

They then went on to win the national competition, and our juniors who did achieve a sound win over old enemies Haberdashers' Aske's, should be encouraged to enter for other school teams in the future.

Throughout the year Mr Edwards has organised everything and driven teams all over the neighbouring counties. Our thanks go out to him, and to Mrs Campbell and Mr Grout for scoring at matches.

MATTHEW G.L. LEIGH

Music Society

Once again the Music Society has enjoyed a successful year's music making. Unfortunately many fine musicians left at the end of last year, but their places were filled by younger members of the school and the Choral Society, the two orchestras and both Wind Bands have gone from strength to strength.

The first concert of the year was the Recital on 24th October. The concert contained many fine performances, including a piano duet with Kevin Bashford and Simon Howat, a brass duo with Jonathan Barr and Martin Garrat, and a string quartet with Chris Hodson, Chris Aubrey, Karl Tomlin and Jonathan Barr, and culminated in a fine performance of Bach's Concerto for Violin and Oboe with the soloists being Christopher Hodson and Richard Medhurst.

The next concert was a joint effort, with the Choral Society and First Orchestra joining forces with the Deycourt Music Society for a concert at Bourne End Sports Hall. The concert was well received and overall was a great success.

The major concert of the year was the Christmas Concert on 10th December. The concert included items from all the groups in the Society, including the Junior Choir who performed several part-songs. Notably there was a rousing performance of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No.4" by the First Wind Band, an accomplished performance of Mendelssohn's "Overture Ray Blas" by the First Orchestra, and to finish the concert a fine performance by the Choral Society of the rarely heard "Christmas Cantata" by Geoffrey Bush.

At the beginning of 1985 the Society was dealt a blow when Mr Holmes was taken ill and missed two months of school. Great credit must go to Mr Wheeler who, during this period, took over the running of the whole Society, rehearsing all the groups and preparing them for the Spring Concert on 12th March.

The concert included items from the First Wind Band and First Orchestra and also three Madrigals performed by the Chamber Choir. As well as these, there were three items performed by smaller groups: an outstanding performance of Saint-Saëns "Introduction and Ronda Capriccioso" by Christopher Hodson and Kevin Bashford, and an endearing performance of Handel's "Sonata for Flute and Continuo" by Timothy Hodson, Andrew O'Connor and Simon Howat. Simon also performed the piano solo "Sonatine Pour Piano" by Maurice Ravel. The concert ended with a very moving and musical performance of Faurès "Requiem" with the Baritone Solo taken by Robert Jarvis.

Finally the Society must thank Mr Wheeler for his tireless efforts, especially during the past few months,

and Mr Holmes, whose dedication to the Society has been unrelenting even during his illness. We also thank other staff whose support is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTOPHER AUBREY

Stage Lighting and Sound Team

Over the past year, the lighting and sound team has gone from strength to strength and many new projects and developments have been successfully completed. These have included the installation of a communications system which links the various parts of the stage and the Queen's Hall. This has taken over a year to complete and two or three prototypes were needed before the final version went into operation. Perhaps it should be stated that the design for the system came from within the team and it has given a great deal of satisfaction to see it finally working. It has already proved to be invaluable during school productions and helps to ensure their smooth running. Other developments have included the installation of a permanent Front of House lighting bar in the Queen's Hall which has made lighting much more effective than before. A generous grant from the Parents Association has been sincerely appreciated and has enabled us to purchase badly-needed new equipment and lights.

This year has seen the first ever production of a play in Spanish and praise must be given to those who managed to follow lighting cues in a foreign language! The production of "Animal Farm" must surely have been the most technically involved play the team has ever tackled. We use pyrotechnics, stroboscopic lighting and a moving headline machine. For the first time, every single piece of equipment that the team possesses was used.

Many new members have joined the team this year, too many to mention them all, but thanks must go to Charles Cox and Paul Dawson, who will be leaving this year, for their invaluable help. Sincere thanks are due to Mr Everett who never fails to provide coffee and biscuits during those long evenings and weekends spent at school, and for his inspiring comments and suggestions!

S. QUINNEY

Astronomical Society

This year the Astronomical Society has continued to hold regular talks on a wide range of topics, including solar observation, selenography and 'Pointing a Telescope' - or put another way, the use of setting circles.

Being a weather-dependent society, the organisation of group observing sessions with the Society's 6-inch reflecting telescope has been very difficult, but members have been free to use a 60mm refracting telescope (donated by Mr Talbot) on an individual basis.

The highlight of the coming year will naturally be the return of Halley's comet, with National Astronomy Week in November to coincide with the period of the best visibility of this comet from Britain. The Society will undoubtedly be marking this occasion in some way.

Thanks go to Mr Boutland for his continued



involvement and to everyone else who has helped the Society throughout the year.

P. KNIGHT (Chairman)

Christian Union

Despite having been hosts to two Inter School Christian Fellowship meetings and leading a week of assemblies the Christian Union has unfortunately suffered from a lack of activity this year. This has been mainly due to the lack of leadership experience that has been apparent this year.

We are however hoping to build on the experience we have gained this year and to organize several events in the next 18 months and to make our presence felt around school.

Finally we would like to express our gratitude to Mr Kempson for the invaluable support which he has given to us through this difficult year.

M. ADAMSON & J. GOODE

Electronics Clubs

A barrage of electronic sounds each Monday lunchtime greets the unwary visitor to the Physics Department, indicating the popularity of the Junior Club - at least in volume terms.

The Senior Club continues to flourish and with the completion of the Technology Block facilities for the electronics enthusiast should be greatly improved next year.

D.B.T.

The Model Railway Club

The past year has been a quiet one for the MRC, with the main event again being the Model Railway Exhibition on 16th March held in the Queen's Hall. This, our biggest ever, received compliments from both exhibitors and public alike. Membership has been low, thus allowing a small dedicated group to start work on a new 00 gauge exhibition layout, which will hopefully be ready for the R.G.S. show next year.

Our plans for the near future include the improvement of our permanent layout along with the clubroom's

lighting, and possibly a small extension. However, with the indecision as to the club's future due to building plans, these are not definite as yet.

Finally, our thanks must go to Mr Lovell for his assistance during the year.

A.J.C. BOOTHMAN (Secretary)

Computer Club

In 1984/5 the computer facilities of the school have improved enormously from only three Research Machines computers and two BBC's to a network facility of 8 Research Machines computers in what was formerly the Language Lab, and in addition there are several new BBC micro's in Sciences, Maths, Geography, Economics and Technology departments. It is hoped that in the future the computing power will be increased still further.

G. BUXTON



Stamp Club

The Stamp Club meets every Wednesday lunchtime when members can purchase used British stamps at a penny each or several foreign stamps a penny. More valuable stamps and complete sets are also available. Since no membership fee is collected any member of the school is welcome to come along, either regularly or occasionally, to browse through the large stocks.

We would like to thank Mr File for running the club and advising members and also Mr White-Taylor for supplying a wide variety of stamps.

Treasurer

Photographic Society

The photographic society meets most Friday lunchtimes in P3. The aim of the society is to teach boys how to develop and print black and white photographs. Competitions are occasionally held, and cheap black and white film is available for purchase. Full darkroom facilities are available, as are a large number of photographic articles.

M. EARL

Orienteering Club

Events this year have been few and far between and also fairly costly. Due to this and the bad weather potential runners have been lacking in enthusiasm. We look forward to the possibility of more local events and better weather next year.

SIMON COPPEN-GARDNER (Secretary)

The Million Mile Club

This exclusive club is open to members of the CCF who have contributed significantly to the million+ man-miles travelled on R.G.S. CCF expeditions over the years.

Turkey '83 provided 120,000 man-miles, bringing the total mileage to well over a million miles. Munich '85 should add to this mileage, and possibly increase membership.

Thanks go to Gordon Buxton (Treasurer), and Raymond Dickinson (Chairman) for their invaluable help in making this club what it is today. Thanks must also go to Sqr. Ldr. Smaje and F/L Sollars for their driving force behind the club.

J.P. SMITH (Secretary)

YHA Club

Since the last issue of this magazine the club has had several meetings, both in England and in Wales. During the summer holidays of 1984, there was a week long holiday in the Lake District and during the Autumn half term we went to the Brecon Beacons. Also during the year there have been several weekend trips to places not too distant from Wycombe.

The week in the Lake District was memorable for the unusual amount of sunshine. The following is an account by Clive Ayling (6MDB) and Gareth Hodgson (6SW).

The summer holidays saw 20 second and third formers having a great time Youth Hostelling. They were accompanied by four sixth formers and five adults. The leader of the expedition was Mr Berry, who together with friends Alan Turner and wife, led the walking parties. Mr Yeates and Mr Edwards also joined the party and added much to the catering and humour of the camp. Mr Yeates, who proved to have an inexhaustible fund of energy, ran around the slopes sporting fluorescent pink socks. Mr Edwards patrolled the rear of the parties wearing a white hat, sunglasses, a long beard, a neckerchief and checked shirt. Below protruded a pair of walking boots, socks and hairy legs, but not necessarily in that order.

The actual walking was tiring, noisy (but rarely tuneful) and occasionally interesting. No-one missed a day's 'walkies' as a third 'invalids' and 'geriatrics' party was formed for those suffering from the sun and minor ailments, and these parties took less demanding routes to common meeting places. The weather for the first few days was unusually hot, making walking and scrambling harder, and, when sunburn had set in, painful. The weather slowly deteriorated, but allowed perfect views except on the sixth day. Then a party, in low cloud and rain, climbed along Striding Edge to the summit of Helvellyn. This proved a memorable experience, clambering along in 15ft visibility with, so we are told, big drops disappearing out of sight on either side. Most of the boys kept up their spirits by singing such songs as '100 Green Bottles' and '15 R.G.S. Schoolboys' to the same tune.

The Youth Hostelling aspect was enjoyed and endured: the fun of being with friends, swimming in the tarns and sleeping in dormitories outweighed making the daily porridge, cleaning the floor and eating the porridge. All appeared to enjoy the hostelling and the expedition as a whole.

Messrs Edwards and Yeates rounded off the week with the presentation of 'the Cadbury Awards' at a ceremony on the last night. The awards were given for such achievements as 'the slowest 10 000 metres' and 'the worst rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody'.

The October visit to stay at Llwyn-y-Celyn Youth Hostel in the Brecon Beacons was led by Mr Berry, Mr Claye and Mr Gelsthorpe. Perhaps the most memorable feature was the vastly different weather, including heavy rain and thick cloud on Pen y Fan, the highest mountain in South Wales. The rain meant that fording rivers and taking paths that led behind waterfalls were interesting activities. Other memories are of an interesting red and yellow garment worn by Phillippe Thibault and the porridge eating record of Rex Stenner - six bowls at one sitting.

A new feature of the year's activities has been the weekend trip. At the time of writing, there have been three, to Overton in Hampshire, Holmbury St Mary in Surrey and Stratley in Berkshire for the Ridgeway. Still to come is another weekend in Surrey and one at Lulworth on the Dorset Coast, and the summer week, this time in Snowdonia.

Next year we hope to include another visit to South Wales (October half term), a week in the Lake District and another in Bavaria in Germany. For the diary, the

Lake District will be during the summer half term holiday - 24th to 31st May 1986 and we hope to go to Germany at the beginning of the summer holiday - starting on the 19th July. All are specifically designed for the first three years in the School, but older boys are always useful in helping to organize the holidays.

D.M. BERRY



School House Report

This year has seen the arrival of Mr and Mrs Gamester as the new oppressors. The number of in-mates has also doubled this year. However, two people have left, one being the decadent Andy Barker and the other was 'Plates' Ramsden who moved out after a furious dispute over four Barron Knights tapes. The Sixth form contingent has also swelled this year with the arrival of Gerard from the Bronx.

On the sports field the main surprise has been Clive "Skids" Nickolay making the U15 basketball team. Other contributors have been Gavin Steen playing U19 basketball, Kevin Bint playing 1st team Hockey, and last but by no means least Robin "Vitamin Pills" Parry, who has represented the school at cross country.

The main change in policy since Christmas has been the addition of a book to sign in if you wish to eat the *one* cooked breakfast supplied each week. The staple diet of the boarding house has been toast, and marmite which can only be collected at restricted hours. The highlight of the week is school chapel, and we are still hoping for some "rock gospel" from Martin "Minder" Adamson.

Finally, mention must be given to Jonathon "Henry V" Jones and Simon Patel who have both starred in the school play as pigs. The special thanks go to Mr and Mrs Gamester who have been very helpful and we hope have settled in to the boarding house life. Thanks also to Mr Goldthorpe, Gill, the cleaning ladies and to Matron.

GAVIN STEEN
& KEVIN BINT

Uplyme Boarding House Report

With seven people leaving and eight new faces, Uplyme has experienced a major facelift this year. Although the new arrivals have all stamped their mark on life here certain traditions have continued and even prospered. On the acting front Steve Quinney, Louis Day and Jon Overton all performed in the Spanish Play while in the various school sporting arenas Uplyme has been ably represented.

Alexis Read (when he could be dragged away from admiring himself in the mirror) and Paul Miller played 1st XV rugby and James Baker also played for the senior sides, Sean Sawyer played 1st XI hockey and Mark Barrell represented the 2nd. However it was on the basket ball court that we achieved the most; in a new fixture against School House the Uplyme team totally outplayed the opposition to achieve a memorable 69-68 win in the dying seconds of play. This victory must be credited to our coach Jeremy Welch who played for the U19 basketball side and obtained his half-colours with a well timed firer to Mr Stubbs.

This year has also seen several personal triumphs. Sarn Rich after arriving from Tylers Wood obtained a place at Oxford, the first "Uplymer" to do so for a long time. Congratulations must also go to two other individuals, to James Hearn for enduring the weekly "Jimmy Bundle" just before Dallas and to Jon Overton whose sponsored slim was timed as lasting approximately 40 minutes.

Finally thanks must again be given to Mr and Mrs Stubbs and Mr Yeates for doing a marvellous job in looking after us this year (especially Louis after late nights on a Friday).

SEAN SAWYER
JEREMY WELCH
JON BAKER
ALISTAIR HOWARD

CCF

General Inspection is an energetic exercise in trying to reflect in one afternoon all aspects of Contingent activity, at School, adventure training, annual and weekend camps, expeditions and courses.

This year's Inspection was held on March 21st 1985. The chief Inspecting Officer was Brigadier D.E. Thwaites, BSc(Econ), MA, Commandant, RAEC, Beaconsfield.

The Guard of Honour gave the Inspection a very good ceremonial start. The effect was enhanced by music played by a band of volunteers who had the idea and carried it through with a welcome effect.

The official report has yet to come but informally the Brigadier was encouraging about what he and his team had seen and heard.

The Contingent is a sprightly 75 this year and Flying Officer Boutland celebrated this with a special report, 'Inspection 1985', which stretched not only over current activities in all three sections but also back into the past, beginning before the Contingent started in 1910 with a visit to Bisley in 1906 of 11 pupils headed by Mr Arnison.

The Inspection is not an instant event. It is a stimulating and cheering indication of what a large number of individuals can achieve by working together. It also shows how the benefit can be increased if we build on the often devoted work of our predecessors - Governors, Headmasters, Officers, Staff and members of all ranks.

Ideally we should like to pass on the advantages of our activities and that is why high standards are important not only in themselves but also as a contribution we can make for next year and beyond.

We recognise our debt to the Regular Services for their support in men and resources. Our thanks are perhaps best expressed by making proper use of the opportunities they give.

I should like to thank most warmly my fellow officers and those two people who play an essential but often unseen part in seeing potential help is channelled to us through the administration needed, Mrs Meyer, the CCF Secretary, and our SSI, Mr Faerber.

We all agree that the response of the cadet members of the Contingent makes the work very worthwhile.

Special congratulations go to Justin van der Pant. After his 'Excellent' grading at the UKLF Leadership Course and his Army Scholarship, he has represented the CCF in Buckinghamshire this year as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet and this summer he has won a coveted place on the CCF Canada Exchange.

F.N.C.

Army Section Report

The year's programme has been a busy one for both 'A' and 'B' Companies. 'B' Coy. have been in training for the proficiency tests which they undergo during the Summer Term including battlecraft, map and compass, drill turnout and military knowledge and skill at arms. 'A' Coy. meanwhile have been attending a signals course run by Captain Murphy from 16CTT, a car mechanics course run by the R.E.M.E., advanced battlecraft including ambush drills, and finally a cadet instruction cadre.

Outside school the Army Section has been on various camps around the U.K. Last Summer the section travelled to Folkestone for a 'Central Camp' which was run by Cadet Training Teams from the South of England. With almost perfect weather throughout the five days the contingent enjoyed such activities as raft building and raft racing, canoeing and orienteering. A 24 hour exercise was also undertaken involving section and platoon attacks and ambushes. After a full programme, which had proved to be particularly tiring in the Summer heat, the contingent returned to Illycombe much advanced in the various military and adventurous training subjects which had been undertaken.

In March of this year 28 cadets and N.C.O.'s were billeted in the Parachute Regiment's Barracks in Aldershot for the weekend. After seeing films on patrolling on the Friday night the cadets were briefed for the exercise on the Saturday. This included the platoon's advance across both densely wooded and open terrain, being constantly harassed by the enemy. During the evening phase of the exercise the platoon successfully destroyed the enemy's "ammunition dump". Sunday was taken up by a range day during which all the cadets fired the .303 rifles and participated in a falling plate competition.

Despite transport difficulties the annual visit for 7 days to Leek in Staffordshire was undertaken during the Easter break. Accommodation was again cramped but adequate in Butterton School. After arriving on the Thursday night, Friday was taken up by a day on the ranges, whilst the following day included a training circus in which campcraft, survival and battlecraft were taught. Sunday, the day of the exercise, brought with it torrential driving rain and so, after a few hours, that day's activities were cut short. However, activities such as the Kinder Scout walk, rock climbing and initiatives were all undertaken. Despite controversy over the N.C.O.'s coffee rosta the camp went well and all thanks must go to the fantastic efforts of the cook, Mrs Cooper.

Other points of interest during the year have included a night navigation course and a visit from the Army Air Corps. The most notable event in the CCF calendar, the Biannual General Inspection went off particularly well, with a glowing report from the inspecting officer, Brigadier Thwaites.

Finally all my thanks go to Colonel Cooper for his encouragement and help. Lt. Grundy for his enthusiasm and organisation, Captain Hollingsworth, without whom many of our camps and adventurous training activities, such as the expedition to Snowdonia, would not have been possible, Major Meyer, Major Wilkes and S.S.I. Faerber, not to mention all the cadet N.C.O.'s

C.U.O. van der PANT

R.N. Section Report

The year started very well with an excellent week's training on board a Royal Navy Fleet Tender based at Plymouth. A very good time was had by all with the possible exception of those cadets who spent the time with their heads over the side. The onset of the summer term saw the rise to power of Malcolm Lewis, after the gallant stand-down of Coxswain James Dible to allow himself breathing space on the 'A-level' road,

although his help remained forthcoming and was greatly appreciated.

We would like to congratulate James Dible on his successful completion of a Flying Scholarship and award of commission in the Royal Navy to train as a Pilot.

Our vast fleet of vessels based at Mednerham has been further enhanced by the addition of two sailboards; the section eagerly awaits the arrival of warmer weather to put them through their paces.

The arrival of June will see the departure of the senior ratings who all go their separate ways, notably Coxswain Malcolm Lewis to Art College; P.O. Robert Booker who, after successful completion of a Flying Scholarship and award of a P.P.L., now hopes to follow in the footsteps of James Dible. P.O. Simon Mason and P.O. Benjamin Sayer hope to go to Dartmouth, the latter after 3 years engineering at Bath University. We wish them all every success.

There now only remains to thank Lt. T. Claye and Sub.Lt. R. Barker for all their extra time and effort and making the year so successful and enjoyable. Many thanks.

P.O. R. BOOKER

R.A.F. Section Report

The recent completion of the bi-annual General Inspection has added to the successful year of the RAF section.

The construction of the new Gaunt Building has proved an enormous asset to the section. The building was donated by Mr and Mrs Eric Gaunt in memory of their son, Christopher, who died tragically in a helicopter accident in 1982. The building contains facilities for lectures, aeromodelling, computers, an office and is also used as a crew room for cadets. The computer room has been exceptionally popular. In the time that it has been in use the Gaunt building has acquired its own character and is proving a fitting memorial to Christopher.

It has been a truly exceptional year for Flying Scholarships and glider courses. Twelve Flying Scholarships have been gained - more than in any previous year. A notable mention must be made of W/O Innes who has attained two Flying Scholarships, one from the RAF and one from the Air League. Other cadets gaining their wings include W/O Carr, F/Sgts Ayling, Coleman and Cpls Bayly, Brown, Chamberlain, Farmer, Gibb, Smith and Taylor.

Summer Camp was held at RAF Shawbury and proved very successful and a great experience for all who attended. Activities included flying in a Gazelle, a road race, a night exercise and an assault course.

As the academic year began the new line of N.C.O.'s began to convey their art of instruction and discipline to the new fourth and fifth form cadets. Normal Thursday afternoon activities for the section continued but flying was restricted at Abingdon by weather, and shooting by structural problems in the range.

This year's General Inspection on 21 March went very well with the inspecting officer Brigadier D.E. Thwaites complimenting the section, the N.C.O.'s and the Officers on the display presentation. RAF activities included a dinghy demonstration, computer simulated flying and orienteering and the inevitable drill! The RAF 'A' team won the shooting competition. The 'B'

team finished second.

Finally, I must thank Squadron Leader Smaje, Flt. Lt. Sollars, F/O Boutland, F/O Munday and W/O Faerber for their continuing organisation and tremendous help.

W/O R.I. JARVIS

New Forest 1984

The annual camping and map reading weekend for recruits took place this year at the Long Beech Campsite. On Friday 21st September, 22 cadets and 3 officers boarded 3 minibuses and headed for the depths of the New Forest. Since arrival was before dark there was plenty of time to erect tents and cook a meal.

On Saturday a fine day dawned and the all-day hike started. The new cadets, with encouragement from the more experienced NCO's, attempted to navigate the route. Proof of correct navigation was provided by leaving markers at specified points and answering questions en route.

"Why create Eyeworth Pond?"

"What is the name of the PH at 232141?"

"Who owns the stream gauging station?"

"At pond 252110 who should you see to sail your boat?"

After the evening meal a short night exercise required accurate navigation to find "where does S. Grundy come from?" and details of the vagrancy act.

On Sunday there was an orienteering type exercise in the enclosure near the campsite.

All in all a good time was had by everyone and our thanks go to S/L Smaje, F/L Sollars and F/O Boutland for organising everything.

Cpl. N.J. FARMER

Black Mountains 1984

As in past years this adventure training weekend took place at the end of the school exam week. Unlike other years, drought conditions were close, the paths were knee deep in dust and sunburn a danger.

We left school on the Friday evening and headed west. The Aust Services at the Severn bridge provided the first stop and a driver change, but it was not until Abergavenny that a Chippy was visited for the evening meal.

The campsite near the lower Cwn bridge at Llandbedr proved to be well sheltered with the stream along one side. A fine day dawned. The party was split into several groups.

The party that was to tackle the longer Offa's Dyke path left first with F/L Sollars and F/O Boutland, whilst the other groups with F/O Mill and Capt. Hollingworth took the shorter route via Table Mountain, Pen Cerrig Calch and Penn Trumau to the campsite which was just over 1 km. below the Grwyne Fawr reservoir. S/L Smaje moved the transport to a suitable lay-by to be in position at the end of Sunday's expedition.

On the Offa's Dyke route a very steep climb gave way to a level path and the view of the other route over the next ridge. F/L Sollars had added the video equipment to his list this year. The equipment was in constant use over the length of the route. The Staff demonstrated a keen interest in ornithology but Chris

Aylott managed to see several Stonechats which had evaded the expert eye of F/L Sollars. Hang gliding was taking place at Hay Bluff and this was observed with some interest. The final part of the route took us past the reservoir which was well below the level of previous years due to the lack of rain.

On arrival at the campsite it was discovered that all the other groups had already arrived. In the evening the traditional camp fire was lit.

On Sunday a shorter route was followed towards Bâl-Muwr and then down to the minibuses parked in the lay-by. After lunch we left for home.

Thanks go to the Staff for making the weekend possible.

R.J. DICKINSON

Easter Camp (1984)

The large R.G.S. contingent arrived at RAF Binbrook just in time for lunch on 21st April. We were accommodated in the prefab billets that once formed part of the Officer's Mess. Sqn.Ldr. Smaje lived in them in 1954!

There were many activities during the week including flying, swimming, orienteering, .303 and SLR shooting, a demonstration of the effectiveness of .303 and SLR against tin cans, bricks and concrete, a walk along the sands at RAF Donna Nook to see the bombing and the testing of ammunition with a field gun as well as a day out in Grimsby. The Sunday exercise involved code-breaking and the construction of a dummy bomb, together with a 12 mile map reading exercise in the pouring rain.

A NITEX had not been planned but an extremely enjoyable one was provided by Sgts. Lewendon and Basford. This also involved F/O Boutland and F/L Sollars setting trip-wire slaves (which did work). The Chairman of Governors, Mr Prior, was visiting on this occasion and observed the exercise.

One of the main activities of the week was work in sections; this proved to be an excellent chance to observe and participate in this "live" lightning base. All the sections were very hospitable.

W/O Dewar experienced a lot of hassle from the cadets of other schools, including this little gem that

appeared on the notice board of the Junior Airmans Mess one morning:

For Sale.

1 Warrant Officer,
very good condition,
one careful owner
Care of cadet

Thanks go to S/L Smaje, F/L Sollars, F/O Boutland and civilian instructor Ian Brown for the administration of the camp. Also congratulations go to Cdt. Sgt. Lewendon for winning the prize for the best cadet on camp.

Cpl. N. TAYLOR

RAF Shawbury (Summer 1984)

This Camp was proclaimed by a large majority to be the best organised for the school, not only because of the range of activities but also the great company from Tadcaster and Lord William's schools.

Activities included the usual map work but with a difference, groups of cadets had to fill in a 1 km x 1 km grid square for a map that had been supplied without this square. Another exercise involved the collection of telephone numbers to provide the last rendezvous point.

The night exercise was found by most cadets to be far too restricted to the extent that cadets were not allowed to run in the area and the method of capture made escapes too easy - "bundles" were out!

The 5 mile road race had an enthusiastic start but for many this became a 5 mile stroll in the hot sun. A visit to Shrewsbury proved to be less work for those who showed initiative by going to the police station or information centre to get the answers to the questionnaire set on various sights spread around the city.

An exercise to locate an "injured" person and return him to base took place on the Wrekin: hard work under the hot sun.

Another day had a (re) visit to RAF Cosford where the swimming pool was used for an hour and the Aero-Museum visited. That afternoon the Army base at Ternhill was visited and the assault course tackled. This was followed by 2 hours P.E. from an army instructor.

Some of the lucky NCO's enjoyed a 1/2 hour flight in a Gazelle.

Thanks go to S/L Smaje, F/L Sollars, F/O Boutland and F/O Munday, and civilian instructor Ian Brown for a good week.

Cpl. P. GIBB



Geography Sixth Form Field Trip - Aberystwyth

An aura of intense nervous expectation surrounded the oh-so merry band of jolly sixth formers as the great Mid-Wales adventure crept menacingly nearer its commencement. Similarly to previous years, the journey to Aberystwyth was interrupted to examine pro-glacial activity in the Teme Valley. On reaching the Welsh border it predictably started to rain, and we eventually arrived at the hall of residence at around 5.00 p.m., all exhausted after the day's work. Fortunately our delightful little cells were wonderfully furnished and marvellous to behold.

Monday: the day's climb up Cader Idris was postponed till Wednesday, in the vain hope of better weather, and instead fluvial activity in the Rheidol river valley was on the agenda. The afternoon was devoted to urban inactivity in Aberystwyth, followed in the evening by the customary debrief and essay setting. The entire party devoted many many hours to the completion of their tasks that evening.

Tuesday's excursion was to Borth. After an enthralling morning's trek around the Ynyslas sand dunes, we happily trudged several miles along the spit in the pouring rain, stopping to examine the remains of a submerged forest.

Wednesday came, and so did yet more rain - even more than on Monday. This time, we had no choice, the climb up Cader Idris was definitely on, the purpose of which was to study the various glacial processes that have occurred in the area, and the features that have resulted.

Our many thanks go to Mr Peter Price from Oxford University, Mr Meyer (cheer up sir!) and Mr Pantridge, whose mysterious nocturnal wanderings after midnight caught a few of us by surprise, for making the whole trip enjoyable, interesting and educational, despite the appalling Welsh weather.

G. COLLINGE
M. ASHBY

Ski Club: Auffach 1984

Even a dank, pre-dawn departure could not dampen the enthusiasm of the group whose 'dry skiing' in preparation for the trip had occurred entirely in torrential rain.

On arrival at Auffach staff were relieved to find that the snow conditions were good - alternative plans for a six day 'Give us a clue' marathon had not been well received! Once equipped, the fearless band attacked the slopes (there was some retaliation by the mountain, mostly on Mr Meyer) and were soon schussing, turning and falling both on and off the "piste".

Après ski activities included the always popular floodlit skiing, backwards bowling and tobogganning which we did not realise would be such good training for riding a Sinclair C5 at 90 m.p.h. Nor will anyone forget the live Tyrolean Evening - surely no activity could equal it.

December 30th saw the group return to R.G.S. with considerably less energy (but many more bruises and aching muscles) than they had left with only a week before.

F.K.



Ski Club: Easter 1985

Due to increased interest in skiing, stimulated perhaps by the Winter Olympics and the World Championships, a second ski trip to Austria took place during the Easter holidays. Though originally planned to be to St. Johann in Tirol, on arrival at Munich airport we switched to Abtenau in the Salzburgerland, where the skiing conditions were better. Each morning a coach took us the 10km to the Dachstein ski area, where high up in the mountains the snow was much deeper than the green valleys had suggested.

During the week the group of 32 skiers experienced a variety of conditions: rain on one day, cloud for a day, two days of glorious sunshine and two days of snow. At the end of the week snow conditions were very good and though there were some cases of sunburn the whole party enjoyed an excellent ski holiday.

Après ski activities were limited compared with previous trips, as most activities had closed down - they must have heard about R.G.S. from someone! Our return to Wycombe was marred by a serious problem, each person desperately working out how to convince parents that they really had to go on the next trip too.

T.J. CLARK

Oberammergau '84

(or: How Mr Smith Failed to Learn from History)

Long ago, following a particularly disastrous school trip, Mr Dennis Smith sensibly vowed "never again". However, some twenty-two years later, he was lured into the "gang of four", along with Miss Munday, Miss Crothers and Mr Cowburn. Together, they accompanied forty R.G.S. pupils, ranging from moderately responsible third formers to utterly irresponsible sixth formers, on an accelerated tour of Northern Europe, culminating in the world-famous Passion Play: Oberammergau '84.

In pouring rain at the unholy hour of one o'clock in the morning on the 4th of September, the group assembled, less one, who had been somewhat confused by the ambiguity in our briefing. Despite the ensuing delay, we arrived at Dover in plenty of time, where a new driver, Ray, took the hot-seat for the continental

part of the journey. After four and a half hours on the boat, and a further eight in the coach, we finally reached Bad Hönningen, a small town on the Rhine. ("Bad", of course, means "spa", and is in no way a reflection on the character of the town). After a somewhat greasy dish, masquerading as Wiener Schnitzel, the town was fleetingly inspected, varying degrees of attention being paid to the local sights and in some cases the hostelrys, before we retired early to bed.

The following morning heralded a visit to Cochem-an-der-Mosel. We travelled in eager anticipation, passing by the precipitous vineyards which line the Rhine and Moselle valleys. Having lunched (a highly nutritious packed affair, including one or two hundred biscuits each), we reached Cochem where we sampled the delights of wine-tasting, and buying, in the wine cellars of H.H. Hieronimi.

It was that evening that the party suffered its first serious casualty, the ill-fated Nick McLaughlin who was ushered away in the dead of night to have his appendix removed. Although all the members of staff volunteered to remain behind with him on a whole catalogue of pretexts, a few telephone calls ascertained that Nick would not regain consciousness until his fraught parents were at his bedside, and so the staff were obliged to accompany us further. The show went on, minus one.

Our departure from Bad Hönningen produced an almost audible sigh of relief, as we continued on our way to Oberammergau. Our packed lunches were again unusual, this time including several thousand pieces of bubblegum: Ray was ecstatic. Once through an attractive corner of Alpine Austria, we paid a lightning visit to Linderhof, the ornate hunting lodge of the eccentric Ludwig II of Bavaria. We were,

perhaps unfortunately, just in time for dinner at the Oberammergau Youth Hostel, where we realised that we would be needing our biscuits over the next two days, as apparently the appetites of German travellers are considerably smaller than ours.

A tribute to the beautiful village of Oberammergau is that it kept us sightseeing for marginally longer than usual. We slipped back to the hostel just before the doors were locked and were then caught unawares by the very literal lights-out at ten o'clock precisely.



Osnabrück Exchange 1985

The performance began the following morning at nine o'clock. For many it was a pilgrimage, for all, one of the greatest spectacles of the modern world. The choir stretched across the whole breadth of the stage: elaborate tableaux vivants illustrated the Old Testament links with the story of Christ's final week. A thousand actors filled the stage to portray the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, doves fluttered from the upturned tables on the temple steps, and the first part finished with the arrest of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal by Judas.

The three hour lunch break afforded the opportunity to warm up, see more of the village, visit the museum, and, for some, to smuggle a blanket out of the hostel to keep hypothermia at bay in the shadow of the auditorium during the second part.

The afternoon culminated in the crucifixion, for the religious amongst us the most moving part of the play. The Oberammergau emblem of a cross draped with a long white cloth comes from the elegant lowering of Christ's body from the cross once the nails were removed. The play ended with the final glorious tableau vivant of the resurrected Messiah. This was certainly one of the most unique and unforgettable experiences that any of us have ever had, whether or not spiritually involved.

We made an early start on Saturday morning to enable us to visit Schloss Neuschwanstein, Ludwig II's fairytale castle (which featured in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"), and the less lavish Hohenschwangau. We arrived at six o'clock in Ehrenbreitstein, Koblenz, after an arduous journey, alleviated only by Uncle Peter's stories and his duets with Auntie Hilary.

The early evening was spent discovering the delights of Ehrenbreitstein. Upon returning to the hotel, we had to explain to the unfortunate Mr Cowburn that to regain entry it was necessary to ring the doorbell. Once in, we had an opportunity to converse with our host, but unfortunately his drunken ramblings were incomprehensible to either of us or to Miss Crothers, our German expert. However, despite the lack of completely coherent communication, it transpired that he was genuinely concerned about the best way to ensure our happiness. He certainly made a deep impression upon all of us.

Our last lightning visit, before continental Europe was finally safe again, was to Bruges in Belgium. A fairly smooth crossing brought us back to an extremely rough thunderstorm at Dover, where, unconfiscated contraband still intact, we said farewell to Ray, who was replaced by an R.G.S. old boy. It turned out that our new driver had not excelled at geography and our route through London was somewhat indirect. We eventually arrived back at school shortly before midnight, in a state which Miss Munday described as "tired with a K".

Thanks for the enjoyment, success and attempted smooth running of the trip go to Miss Munday, who sang Julie Andrews songs, to Miss Crothers, who paid to take the carriage down the mountain from Neuschwanstein, to Mr Smith, for his superlative nursing skills, and to Mr Cowburn, for mercifully not singing silly songs all the time.

TIM CLAYTON,
CHRIS KENNEDY,
BOB MOORIN,
DAVID STRUTT

On 23rd March, 10 boys, aged between 14 and 18 arrived from the Ratsgymnasium, Osnabrück. They met 10 English boys from R.G.S., who they were going to be living with for the next five weeks. The programme for the stay in England included a number of interesting visits to London, Oxford and Windsor. At week-ends, the families took the boys to additional places of interest. The only thing which the Germans disapproved of was English people driving on the 'wrong side'.

On 10th April, the 20 boys and 2 teachers (Mr White-Taylor and Herr Korf) departed from High Wycombe early in the morning and arrived at Osnabrück at approximately midnight.

In Germany, the weather was considerably better than in England, the sun shining brightly most days. As there was only school in the mornings, we had more free time than in England. Whilst in Osnabrück we met a similar-sized group of girls from Exeter, and we met up with them on numerous occasions in the evenings. Overall, everybody enjoyed themselves in England and Germany, and said they would go next year.

Thanks must go to Mr White-Taylor who organised the exchange and made everything possible and thanks to Philip Lewin for the laughs.

The boys involved were: Richard Chuter, David Bonner, Julian Smith, Roger Mould, Matthew Fox, Philip Doyle, Jonathan Bennett, Simon Patel, Hugh Twitchen and Philip Lewin.

P. DOYLE



Spanish Play Review

In the latter stages of the Autumn Term the Spanish Departments of the Royal Grammar School and Wycombe High School joined forces to produce a play adapted from a short story by P.A. de Alarcón de Ariza; "El Sombrero de Tres Picos". This was an extremely ambitious task as the entire play, except the prologue and epilogue, is spoken in the Spanish language. Nevertheless the standard achieved by all the participants was nothing short of excellent. For those members of the audience whose comprehension of Spanish left a lot to be desired, an English commentary was cleverly interspersed amongst the Spanish with the desired effect. That is not to say that everyone present had a crystal clear picture of what was going on. The plot itself revolves round the attempts of the Corregidor (a kind of local magistrate) to seduce Frasquita, the provocative but virtuous wife of the miller, Lucas. The play is full of comic misunderstandings and confused situations but still manages to find a happy ending. The overall standard of acting was very high with particularly fine performances given by Duncan Levinsohn, Georgina Hewlett, Stephen Quinney and Darius Sarshar. Much credit and thanks should be given to Mr G.W. Heath who directed the play and to Mr Dennis Smith who designed the production.

All the actors and actresses had an enjoyable time, participating in "El Sombrero de Tres Picos", (or "The Three-Cornered Hat" if you prefer), and I am glad to say, the spectators likewise.

SIMON ALWAYS

Animal Farm

A fantasy, with animal characters, which is really a political allegory, told in parable form: "Animal Farm" poses immediate problems for the would be dramatist. He must either go for complete realism, with pigs dressed as pigs, horses as horses, etc; or for complete suspension of disbelief: everyone is human, and costumes are basic and unobtrusive. The words build the fantasy in the mind of the watcher.

Peter Cowburn opted for the latter in this year's school production, and the wisdom of this choice was immediately clear. Once the audience had accepted Orwell's temporary world, the production moved effectively, and eventually movingly, to its climax, where pigs and men became indistinguishable. The "men of the match" were certainly the lighting and sound-effects team, who produced some very striking results - notably the crescent moon at the beginning, which metamorphosed into a hammer and sickle at the end. Saint-Saën's music added its own haunting irony to the evening, and, in a less subtle way, the explosion which destroyed the windmill was unforgettable. Certainly it gave the audience a shock, and the Queen's Hall trembled too.

Because of its unusually narrative format, behind which the scenes blended into tableaux, the acting

required was not of the conventional type. The main need was for clear, expressive speech, and no-one did better here than Chris Kennedy. As Napoleon, his powerful voice and stage-presence dominated the stage. Even when merely sitting in the "farm-house", he was a brooding, destructive presence. The two narrators were also impressive, particularly Tessa Killmister, whose confident, fluent, and mature voice really formed the backbone of the whole production.

Of the supporting rôles, Simon Patel and Mark Gabriel made the most vivid impact, Simon bringing enthusiasm and clarity to the part of Squealer while Mark gave an increasingly moving portrayal as Boxer, the most tragic victim of the Revolution. Kae Williams, as the uncomprehending survivor, Clover, had a less obtrusive rôle, but she impressed, growing in confidence and dominance as those around her diminished.

Hardly ever do you see a perfect production, and this was no exception, but what faults there were, were minor: the two battles, for instance, seemed unconvincing in their mime, lacking excitement and tension. The "ballet", too, which opened Act II seemed awkward, and almost un-needed. On occasion, the clash between realism and fantasy caused problems: to have Major and Snowball on stage after they had, respectively, died and been exiled, was confusing, since there was no suggestion that they were now in different parts. In the same way, the news-scanner, although an interesting innovation was, I felt, a mixed blessing. Set off to one side, it was a distraction, since one had to look well away from the stage; moreover, the explanations it offered about what was taking place seemed often either obvious or already in the programme.

However, having carped and found fault to one's heart's content, one came away from the production remembering the strengths, not the weaknesses; Orwell's message is still as strong as ever - and we were perhaps reminded too, that all actors are equal - but some are more equal than others.

I.A. BLYTH

Drama Weekend

The bell rang, the sun slowly sank into the surrounding valleys, cups of tea were being poured all over the world and a group of intrepid thespians met on a lone hill top to begin the 1984 drama weekend.

Girls from the Lady Verney High School met with boys from the R.G.S. for a short introduction to the weekend. Mr Cowburn revealed the theme to be comedy!

Saturday morning: refreshed, everyone returned with eager anticipation of the weekend's activities only for their effervescent enthusiasm to be quenched by one of Mr Smith's warm-up routines (if nothing else we got to know each other well!).

An extremely helpful talk and workshop was given by Miss Margaret Worcester on mime in comedy. This proved most interesting and very influential on some of the group's final work on the following day.

On Saturday afternoon we all travelled to London by coach to see "No Sex please, We're British!" at the Garrick theatre. Before the matinee performance began we were given a superb back stage tour by John Grantham (one of the 'stars' of the show). It was



interesting to see how a major London theatre conducted its work. Also noticed were the tremendous numbers of mirrors contained in the wings and behind the set as well as in the dressing rooms and corridors.

"No Sex Please, We're British!" is the longest running British comedy, still going after 13 years. It was easy to see why for we witnessed a truly brilliant performance.

On Sunday morning John Grantham came to the school to tell us about his work and aid us with the preparation for our own production. Our show was to be performed that Sunday evening to an audience of friends and relations. Frantic preparations were held until barely a few minutes before the performance.

However an entertaining, if not 'polished' production was appreciated by all who attended.

Deepest thanks for a wonderful experience go to Messrs Peter Cowburn, Dennis Smith, John Tucker, John Grantham, and Margaret Worcester. Warm thanks also to the expertise and perseverance of Mr Everett and the stage and lighting teams. Thanks also to Jackie's pet hamster for his brilliant, albeit abrupt, cameo role!

R.I. JARVIS

The Main Event

The crowd was roaring, the flood-lights were glaring and the echo of the National Anthem was fading softly into the distance. Next door was the cup final, but in our garden a far more spectacular event was taking place.

"Of course I can do a handstand," I boasted.

My small sister looked up at me, pig-tails hanging limply from her head and a disbelieving smirk stuck to her angelic features.

Handstands, along with yo-yoing and the Rubik's cube, were the fads of the moment. Although my yo-yo would go down its string convincingly, it refused vehemently to return to my hand; as for the Rubik's cube - no chance. Suzanne, my sister, took delight in my failure, and when these crazes were still in their youth, would bring them home and allow me to chance my awkward arm at them; but a handstand I thought I could manage. Or was this just another sheep in wolf's clothing.

I was psychologically prepared and feeling confident. I limbered up, then entered the arena. The wall looked harmless enough I ran at it - firmly planted my hands at its base - threw my legs up to the vertical. The crowd next door raised an almighty cheer, but now a shadow of doubt was looming over my reasoning - my arms began to shake, and then, with the sound of sniggering filling my ears, they crumbled beneath me. Things went very dark and very cold.

I came round to a throbbing sensation in the top of my head and to a face with the feeling of warm treacle running down it. My mother was standing close by.

"Why did you do that? You know you can't do handstands." That much was obvious.

Although now feeling much better, it was decided to whisk me off to hospital in case of any serious injury.

Sitting in the emergency room, with an improvised bandage made from a tea-towel (of floral design) wrapped round my head and being engulfed by the smell of hospitals, I noticed that people with much more serious injuries than a bump on the head were around me. With this in mind I felt I must be wasting

somebody's time, as now I had completely recovered, so I lodged a complaint to my mother; which was flatly turned down. I sat on.

Much later my turn arrived. I entered my private cubicle to be confronted by a doctor freshly imported from Pakistan and not yet to grips with the intricacies of the language. He was unfamiliar with the ailment "handstands" and persisted in trying to understand what it was. Although sorely tempted to break the language barrier by means of a demonstration, I decided against it fearing that the language barrier was not all I would break.

Having been treated and bound with a large, almost ethnic, head bandage (although pleading with him to let me keep my tea towel on) we returned home.

The day was still fairly young and I decided to convalesce in the garden.

Asleep in a deck-chair, and enjoying the attention due to a sick man, I soaked up the sun. Suddenly I felt a prod on my shoulder, I looked up to see Suzanne looking innocently down at me.

"Think you could manage a cartwheel?" she asked.
"No trouble."

T. NUTHALL

America seen by a Fulbright Exchange teacher

Americans are warm, friendly, generous, but America has 10,000 hand gun deaths each year. The land of the free, with thousands of laws, regulations, conventions, law-suits. The land of opportunity but 20,000,000 of its citizens go hungry at least twice a month. "The business of America is business": nevertheless U.S. firms donate millions to the arts and philanthropy each year. A land of free enterprise, where farmers have had regulated prices for 50 years. Even the weather is extreme - snow storms in Colorado while Boston, on the same latitude, is in the 70s.

Americans are whole hearted in their approach to any part of life. If they take to you then you are welcomed into their family; and their generosity, like the widow's cruse, never fails. A marauder, however, is likely to be shot - there are 200 million guns in private hands in the States. Exercise is thought to be good for you, so jogging, gymnasium workouts, aerobics are practised by millions of car driving Big Mac eaters - the Big Mac washed down with Diet Pepsi!

Do these attitudes apply in schools? Yes and no. I have been helped tremendously by many, staff and students, who have gone out of their way to get materials for teaching, or given advice, or baked cookies for me at Christmas "because I was a long way from home." Many students are worthy of the name, and have a refreshing interest in, say, Mythology. Punctuality in class is strictly enforced; detentions are given for repeated lateness to class or school. At the end of a lesson, as soon as the bell goes, the class rises and stands not upon the order of its going, but goes at once.

The amount of effort expended while in the classroom is another matter: thinking for oneself is hard work, and therefore for the teacher not for the student! Written work will often be elaborately produced, with cover sheet, index, bibliography and other research paper trappings, but the content, even from seniors, is usually very limited.

There are exceptions, of course: one of my Shakespeare students is genuinely scholarly, who not only sees the point straight away but writes like an angel, and is a pleasant personality to boot!

Have we enjoyed it all? Yes and no. We have travelled, we have seen new places and faces, made friends, discovered a multitude of useful and useless facts about this country and its workings. We have been frustrated by bureaucracy, bitten by mosquitoes, melted by high temperatures, frozen by Arctic winds, amazed by American life, people and culture.

Would we come again? Yes - if we could afford to.

Was it worth it? Travel can open your eyes and broaden your mind, if you allow it to do so. Living in another country and being absorbed by it, yet knowing that the experience is temporary, forces you to look at everything in a different light. That is payment enough.

J. MITCHELL



Driving John Mitchell's '62 Rover around (and over!) the Hazlemere double mini-roundabout every morning is probably the strongest image of England I will retain from this teacher exchange year. Well, no. Being able to wear Mitchell's academic gown while I teach - and to have no one laugh while I have it on - will be my strongest image. Well, actually, my strongest image will be the large groups of boys, all looking identical in their blazers and ties, calling me Sir. I was sure for the first few months I was here that not only would I never be able to understand any of them but that I would never be able to differentiate the students I taught. Now, at the end of the second term, I have finally sorted out most of my students and can understand what they say in class. Accents in noisy situations - the cafeteria or the staff room - still confuse me and often leave me unable to understand the conversation.

Language has been - predictably - the source of much amusement and confusion. My second formers laugh every time I say "Tuesday" and like to ask me on Thursday what the day before yesterday was just to hear me talk funny. It may have been revenge for their laughter that formed my definition of the word "connexion". They had found this odd word in their text and wondered if it was an American spelling. I was pleased to be able to tell that it was in fact an English spelling that was being superceded by the (could I have said, "more sensible"?) American spelling. The class spontaneously rose and sang "Rule Britannia."

A more serious language problem occurred when I tried to expand the vocabulary of my fourth form

class. I picked the word "odyssey" from their reading and defined it for them. "Oh no, Sir," one of the boys told me. "That may be a fine word in America, but we'd never use it here." Despite my protestations, I am sure that most of that class still believes "odyssey" is some strange foreign word that their American teacher is trying to foist upon them.

My wife and I are still unsure of how we should have known what was expected of us on a Sunday afternoon this winter. Alan Crease had invited us to have tea with his family. We went to his house early and had a walk, then were served tea and little cakes. Suddenly, just as we thought everything was going well, Alan stood up and said, "Well, I guess I better start the oven." Okay, so we can take a hint. We jumped up, grabbed our coats and headed for the door, apologizing for staying so long. Alan looked crestfallen. "Aren't you staying for tea?" So we took off our coats, laughed at our misunderstanding and ate a delicious tea. I still don't know how we were supposed to know how long we were supposed to stay.

These visits to the homes of staff members have been the nicest part of our year here. It has been incredibly difficult to move a family which included a brand new baby three thousand miles, but invitations to tea and to dinner and to simply walk through the fields to collect conkers have made us feel wonderfully accepted. Our social life here has been much fuller than it ever was in the States. One of our resolves is to meet more people when we go home, to entertain more, to go out more. We want to take home with us some of the friendliness we have experienced here, and to make it part of our life.

JOHN B. FERGUSON

A sense of Priorities

Imagine a race of people who possessed only one sense - the sense of smell. The following is a story of just such a smell-person.

The tale you are about to read is a translation by Dr. A.N. Odour. All words are only approximations of the meaning of the smell-peoples' smell-language. The passage is from Dr Odour's highly acclaimed work "feelings of the smell-people".

"I've smelled a few females in my time, but one whiff was enough for me to know that this one was special. Her exquisite fragrance lingered on, long after she had departed. Her aroma was a tangible presence which drew me, inexorably, after her. Inevitably I gave chase. Nose to the ground I drew on her nectar, as sweet as any rose. I was lost in the trance she had induced upon me when my nostrils were assaulted by a pungent, foul-smelling stink made all the more offensive in comparison with the hypnotic essence of Her. My game was so beautiful that I had failed totally to detect this contemptible member of my species, until he was an estimated two noses away.

I emitted anger, and he crawled away, taking his rancid hulk with him. I searched frantically for her scent, submerged as it was beneath that of carrion and rotting meat. Inhaling the delicious perfume, I was sent into raptures once more. Psyching myself up, I crawled after my quarry. Noting my weariness not, I continued in like manner for hours, drowning in emotions the like of which I had never savoured. It was all of nature and something more, something

undefinable for which I would gladly subject myself to tortures unknown and unheard of in their cruelty.

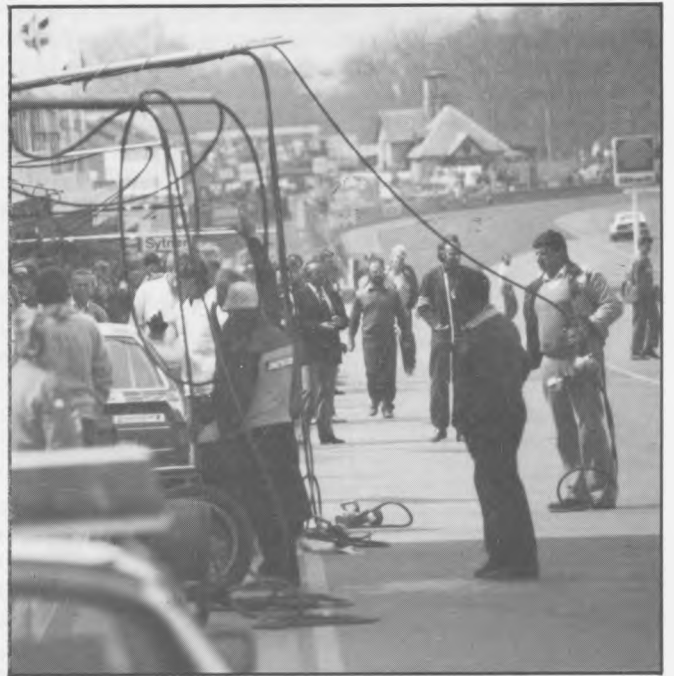
Such was my addiction as I inched closer and closer to my female-magnificent. I was within noses of her, enraptured in heavenly bliss. Faster and faster, nearer and nearer I raced, my desire near to overpowering. But O my frustration when this fabulous, splendiferous, amazing (and here words fail both the translator and the smell-person) scent faded into thin air. I inhaled but perceived her no more. In my deep sorrow, I ascertained that my poor, poor female, in her hurry to escape my unquenchable lust, had fallen over a cliff (which I myself had failed to smell) and had been crushed, her smell changed beyond recognition, on the rocks below. I am left with only memories.”

ANDREW GRIFFITHS



Car Racing at Castle Donnington

Photos by Paul Hatter



Old Wycombiensians' Club

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Masters' Common Room at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday March 30th 1985. 22 Old Boys were present, the President, Mr Rowland Brown, took the chair.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed.

Financial Report. Income was reduced by 335 and expenditure increased by £21 and the effect was to reduce the surplus for the year by £356, converting the 1983 surplus of £266 into a deficit of £90 for 1984.

Election of Officers. All the officers were re-elected.

President's Comments. The President reported that the new Technology Block was due to be handed over on 16 April, thus enhancing the provision for design, technology and electronics. He also outlined the next stage of development, the largest since the new Science Block of the 60's. It would mainly consist of a Dining Hall and kitchens with a large sports hall above it and a start would be made in the new financial year. The Old Hall would then be released to be used to merge Senior and Junior libraries.

Any Other Business. J.K. Prior paid tribute to the Headmaster and staff for their role in getting the plans through, knowing that they would have to put up with a great deal of disruption.

THE ANNUAL DINNER 1984

121 Old boys attended the Annual Dinner in the New Dining Hall. G.E. Green (1940-46) proposed the toast to the Guest of Honour Professor Denis Stevens (1933-40), who had come from the U.S.A. for the dinner. Denis stated how grateful he was to the school for the start it had given him in life. In particular he paid tribute to Mr Tucker for the encouragement he had given. Music was not a main line subject at the time with very little teaching done. Denis came to an arrangement with Mr Tucker in that he would prepare himself for part of the course if Mr Tucker would arrange for tuition in another part. This he duly did, tuition being arranged at the High School - Denis has never been the same since!

D.G. Varney (1944-48) proposed the toast to the School and Club, to which the Headmaster responded.

DEATHS

Staff

Mewse, E., M.Sc., M.Ed., (Dunelm), (1946-68) died on Saturday 29 December 1984 aged 82 years. Ewart Mewse came to the R.G.S. in 1946 as Head of the Science Department after distinguished service in the R.A.F., where he played an important part in the maintaining of our radar defences. Under his direction the new science building was equipped, a monumental task which he carried out with his usual quiet, patient efficiency. For 22 years he taught Physics just as quietly, patiently and efficiently and his very many pupils also remember his great kindness and his immaculate appearance. For many years he was Commanding Officer of the R.A.F. Section with the rank of Squadron Leader. He leaves a widow, Mrs Elsie Mewse, who lives at 20, Longmeadows, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland.

Old Boys

Leoni, P.F. (1978-80). Pier Leoni was killed in the terrorist attack on the Florence to Bologna express train on December 23rd 1984.

He attended the R.G.S. as a boarder at Tylers Wood. He was born in Italy and came to High Wycombe from the Zambian Copper Belt, having been educated in a mission school there.

Pier's zest for life was soon evident and in many respects he was the ideal boarder. He combined an enthusiasm with a spirit of enquiry which helped him to overcome linguistic and cultural disadvantages in his academic studies, in which his passionate concern for economic and social justice was much in evidence.

In his social life the same enthusiasm and spirit of enquiry were always likely to have interesting, yet unpredictable, consequences; it was then that his cheerful smile and sense of humour came into their own.

At the time of his death, Pier had nearly completed his LL.D in Law. He will be fondly remembered by those who knew him. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family in their loss. His fiancée, Susan, was killed with him.

J.F.S.

Walker, B.G. (1947-51) died on 14th May 1984 aged 52 years.

Brian Walker left the R.G.S. to read Mathematics and Physics at Queen Mary College, London, finally ending with a M.Sc. He was a lecturer (and later, senior lecturer) in mathematics at Brunel University from that University's inception. He will best be remembered as a very determined cricketer who, despite his club foot and the need for a runner, was able to earn a place in the School 1st XI both as a batsman and off-break bowler. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

Ward, G.B. (1979-81). Flying Officer Guy Ward was posted missing as the result of an aircraft accident over The Bristol Channel on January 31st 1985.

Guy came to the R.G.S. for his A level studies in 1979. As a member of the R.A.F. Section CCF he achieved Senior NCO rank, was awarded a Flying Scholarship and achieved his Private Pilot's Licence. On leaving school he joined the Royal Air Force and was in the final phase of his training as a fighter pilot at the Tactical Weapons Unit R.A.F. Chivenor when the accident happened. A Memorial Service was held at the R.A.F. Church, St. Clement Danes on the 2nd April 1985. Among the mourners were representatives of Governors and Staff together with many Old Boys who had been his friend during Guy's time at the R.G.S.

NOTES

Andrews, STH. (1972-80) After getting a degree in Geography, spent 1½ years working and travelling over Europe, the USA and North Africa, finally ending up at RMA Sandhurst.

Amin, S. (1967-1974) has recently returned to High Wycombe. He is presently working in Wycombe General Hospital with a view to partnership in General practice in Buckinghamshire, from March 1986. After leaving R.G.S. he completed BSc. and MBBS with distinction at St Mary's Hosp. London. He gained MRCP in December 1985 and completed vocational training for general practice in Taunton a month later.

Barnes, R. (1935-43) was appointed District General

Manager to Airedale Health Authority in January 1985.

Becket, A.R. (1966-72) resides in Hazlemere and manages a well-known amateur radio business (Lowes Electronics) at Eastcote. He is editor of the "Chiltern Carrier", a magazine for aficionados of the hobby.

Becket, G.A. (1935-40) spends most of his time looking after other people's money. For example, he is Treasurer of the Marlow Masonic Centre; they hope that a retired bricklayer is too innocent to embezzle effectively.

Becket, H.A. (1964-1970) now father of four - is a director of a flourishing London advertising agency (Reeves, Robertshaw, Needham) and the organist and choirmaster of Oxhey Parish Church.

Becket, N.S. (1973-77) is Chief Officer of the M.V. "Sea Humber" which conveyed 14 cargoes of coal across the North Sea to Scunthorpe and was last heard of in Newport, Mon. He spent the Summer as mate on a sailing yacht among the Greek Islands. He has a crew of Cape Verde islanders.

Benyon, J.E. (1965-72) has now settled down to established family life following marriage to Gaynor in 1983 and recent arrival of first son, William. As a Civil Aviation Authority Surveyor has recently taken up a new post predominantly involving the airworthiness certification of helicopters. Continues to see **A.D.**

Wills (now Police Inspector) regularly and **K.A.**

Weston, G. Ross and **D. Tappin** (all of same era) whenever possible.

Branch, A.E. (1919-23) this year celebrates 50 years of marriage with Olive Branch. Both are still going strong and navigating the Inland Waterways in their Narrow Boat Dragonfly. Last year cruised from Marlow to Yorkshire and back - 660 miles and just over 500 locks.

Broadribb, J.S.C. (1972-79) on March 5th 1984, joined APV International Ltd. as a Junior Thermal Engineer, designing heat exchangers for UK customers. In August he switched to quoting for European customers. He is married and living in Sussex.

Brown, P.J. (1969-77) recently spent six months at Warsash College of Maritime Studies (Southampton) and left after obtaining an HD in Nautical Studies and a Class 2 Certificate at Competency (Deck). Shortly after this, he was promoted to 2nd Officer, with Blue Star Line at London, and has just completed a 4 month trip to the West Coast of USA.

Also on the course at Warsash was **Osola, R.W.** (1969-75), who still lives in the Wycombe area, and also passed the final exams.

Buckingham, M.B.J. (1972-79). The highlights of his year include passing a demanding 4 month Platoon Commander's Course in Warminster; taking his platoon on trips to Luxembourg and Belgium and a very un-sober time at the Munich OKTOBERFEST, a small beer festival which lasts for a month and had 7½ million visitors this year.

His summer holiday was spent exploring the island of Sardinia with **Stott A.J.C.** (1972-79) and **Wilson, D.O.R.** (1972-79); who are both working for IBM and Stoyes Accountants respectively.

He is at present training for the Army 1/2 marathon to be held in Berlin in May, and is looking forward to gaining his promotion to full Lieutenant in December.

Buzzard, R. (1941-48) recently retired from his post as Head of Mathematics at Garnett College. His son Kevin keeps the maths tradition up at R.G.S. recently

winning a School maths prize. He is still active as a veteran athlete and will be competing in the World Veteran Championships in Rome next June.

Chambers, R.P. (1971-76) received The Queen's Commendation for valuable services in the air in the 1985 New Year's Honours List.

Cheesewright, A. (1975-82) will be graduating from U.C.W. Aberystwyth this year, and has accepted employment with Price Waterhouse at their Southampton office in order to train as a Chartered Accountant.

Collins, F.G. (1972-79) has passed his Solicitors' Finals and has commenced his articles in Frome.

Coutts, E.J. (1972-79) has passed his Solicitors' Finals and is spending a year lecturing in English Law to French students in French(!) at the Institut de Droit in Paris. He will then commence his articles with Slaughter & May in the City.

Eaton, M.J. (1942-49) has been Head of Art at the R.G.S. since 1958. Last October he had an exhibition of his watercolours at the Agora Gallery, Wendover. His work is regularly shown at local exhibitions and galleries. Visitors are always welcome to view his paintings at his home in Hughenden Valley.

Edwards, J.P.J. (1947-54) has moved to Devonshire and is in partnership in 'Barry Simpson Engineering', a long established company restoring and rebuilding classic and historic vehicles.

Falconer, D.J. (1975-82) is having success at Fives, being one of the first pair for Buckinghamshire.

Farmer, A.S.D. (1958-66). After working for the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research for more than seven years, he has decided to leave and work for himself as a free lance consultant in the fisheries development and environmental management.

Foster, M., (1971-78) is still enjoying working as a management consultant for Arthur Anderson and Co. He has spent most of the year sorting out the problems of a number of major U.K. retailers and has just returned from a training course in Chicago. He has recently re-established contact with **Featonby, N.** (1971-78).

Gillingham, M.C. (1976-82). Holder of most of the school athletics records, gained selection for the Great Britain team at the Los Angeles Olympics. He was eliminated in the heats of the 400m Hurdles, but his preparation had been hampered by injury.

Goodwin, C. (1974-80). Chris graduated from Cambridge in June 1984 and celebrated by contracting glandular fever in May Week. But he recovered in time to take Pembroke College choir to Bath and Wells in the summer. He is now studying the organ at the Royal College of Music, London, and gained the A.R.C.O. diploma in January.

Green, P.J. (1974-76) is still with Wimpey Constr. UK PLC, but is now working on a bakery in Greenford and flats refurbishment at Ladroke Grove as Planning Engineer. He lives now in East Finchley, London, expecting his first offspring any day now. Uncle **Green, A.D.** (1981-83) is enjoying his second year studying Mech. Eng. at U.M.I.S.T.

He often sees **Scott, P.Q.** (1974-76) who is having varying success with Misbourne Rangers in the Middlesex Basketball League whilst working for a computer company in Hemel Hempstead.

He has news of **Tagg, T.W.** (1969-76) who has returned from the Phillipines to Head Office with French Kier, and lives near Bedford, and **Eckersall, S.J.**

(1974-76) who qualified as a doctor two years ago and has finally settled in a hospital in Essex.

Griffin, A.J.R. (1976-82) has captained Churchill College hockey team and is Treasurer of the Joint Common Room Finance Committee. He has travelled to Israel and Egypt finding the latter the most amazing country he has been to. His next project is going to Peru with Oxfam.

Grimsdale, W.T. (1920-26) has been resident of Hong Kong since 1946 following military service in the Middle East and North West Europe theatres of operations. He is a Chartered Accountant by profession, is with a family firm engaged in industrial finance and is a director of several public and private companies. With his wife he normally visits England in June and in August/September on vacation/business. While in the High Wycombe area he meets a group of Old Boys (of his vintage and former colleagues of R.M. Blaikie & Co.) for lunch at The Crest Hotel.

Hole, A.E.F. (1925-30) is still enjoying life in Cornwall where the pace of things is just about right. Having "survived" the long drought of the 1984 summer when they almost lost their water supply, and the first winter snow seen in the village (a whole 2 inches!) for many years, they are just seeing the first spring flowers breaking through at the time of writing. He has been elected as President of the Rotary Club of Launceston for 1985/86 - shades of early 1970s at High Wycombe! Planning a long looked forward to trip to Canada and the States in June/July so they are keeping their fingers crossed!!

Hollingsworth, P.J. (1967-74). Peter is now Divisional Management Accountant at ICI Plant Protection Division, a division dealing with Agrochemicals. He plays his cricket at Liphook. His brother

Hollingsworth, A.M. (1972-79) is now a librarian at Guys Hospital Medical School. Peter still sees many of his contemporaries, particularly at weddings, including

Trendell, W.A., Lilley, G.E., Andrews, S.P., Page, M.A., and Worley, D.P.

Hoy, J.L. (1970-77) gained his MSc. in Economics last year from the LSE. He is now working for the Overseas Development Administration as an economist. He will be going back to Kenya for two years, where he will be helping to supervise the British Aid Programme in Eastern Africa.

Johnston, I.A. (1957-63) is Chief Executive of the Training Division of the Manpower Services Commission, responsible for the YTS and other Government Training Programmes. He reports that

Witcher, P. (1957-62) is an accountant with Beecham PLC living in Brussels.

Kape, W.J. (1916-23) retired as Principal, London College of Furniture ten years ago. He still paints but no longer exhibits in London, contenting himself with shows at Harrow, Stanmore and Pinner.

Kefford, M.H. (1960-65) (Major 7th Gurkha Rifles) has just returned to Hong Kong to take charge of training at the Training Depot, Brigade of Gurkhas, after 2 years as Staff Officer at the Headquarters of the Military College, Sandhurst.

Lance, J.W. (1965-72) now permanently settled in Seefeld, Austria running his hotel, he has been joined by his old friend **Coles, M.R.** (1967-70). Together they have opened their second Britannia English Pub in Austria. John Lance is always delighted to see old school friends during the annual Ski Show at Earl's Court where he has his own stand for the duration of

the show in November.

Le Good, J.R. (1970-77) is currently employed by the Chief Architect at British Railways Board Headquarters, London. He graduated from Oxford Polytechnic in 1983 with a Graduate Diploma in Architecture and in November 1984 passed Part 3 (Professional Practice) examination of The Royal Institute of British Architects and registered as an architect.

Lord, P.H. (1976-78). This year marks the end of a six year sandwich course in architecture at the University of Bath. Peter hopes to go on to work in London.

Lowe, D.A. (1965-73) is teaching English at Caterham School, Surrey. He is married with two children, and does a good deal of free-lance singing. His brother, **Lowes, M.J.** (1961-68) is a stockbroker with Bache Inc., travelling worldwide, also married with twin sons, and his younger brother, **Lowe, P.S.** (1974-77) has started a Language School in Windsor, called Windsor Languages.

Mackrill, M.J.R. (1938-45) is still a General Practitioner in Retford, Notts, where he has been since 1958. He would be delighted to hear from or see any of his school contemporaries (well *almost* any!) Why don't more of them come to the Annual Dinner?

Mahony, P.J. (1978-80) hopes to graduate in June and will then start work as a marketing assistant for a T.E.F.L. school responsible for the Middle and Far East. This is likely to involve about 4 months travel a year.

Moore, R.M. (1955-62). Roger Moore is still working abroad with the Sultan of Oman's Air Force and is now flying Hunter aircraft at Thumrait. He is a Squadron Leader in charge of Advanced Flying Training for Omani pilots. Most of the Hunter aircraft were flying with the Royal Air Force while he was at the R.G.S. but are still going well. He recently took part in Exercise Ra'ad widely written up in the press but being "enemy air" Hunter Squadron were on the losing side.

Nash, G.D. (1954-59) was the G.B. hockey umpire at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Nuttgens, D.J. (1960-65). Since leaving the school in 1965 he has been resident in Leeds, except for two years in Southport. For the last ten years he has been working with boys with emotional and behavioural problems.

Palmer, C.F. (1926-31) retired from Compair Industrial Ltd. after 33 years' service with them and Broom & Wade Ltd. in August 1979. In January 1982 moved up to the village of Dunholme which is approx. 6 miles N.W. of Lincoln to be near an only daughter. He can recommend these parts for retirement, being so quiet and peaceful.

Pickles, B. (1937-41). In the 1985 Good Hotel Guide, among the César Awards (the Oscars of the Hotel Trade) Mr & Mrs Bernard Pickles gained the award for outstanding value in a country hotel. They run the "Minffordd Hotel", Tallyllyn, Tywyn, Gwynedd, N. Wales (telephone (065473)665).

Quiney, I.D. (1969-1976) is married and working as an anaesthetist in Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, before hoping to become a G.P. in 1986.

Quiney, N.F. (1976-1979) is studying medicine at St. Mary's Hospital, London, taking his finals this year. He spent the last 3 months on his 'elective' in Sri Lanka learning tropical diseases and wind-surfing.

Quiney, R.E. (1967-74) is continuing working in

London at University College Hospital as E.N.T. Surgical Registrar. Met and worked in the same unit as **Tim Airey** (1969-76) last year.

Reiss, A.J. (1964-70) is working with Procter and Gamble as Product Manager responsible for setting profit and volume targets for a range of bakery and catering food brands and for running the Divisional cost saving programme. He received a classic P and G market training, including a period as a sales representative. He had previously worked for Dairy Crest (Milk Marketing Board) as Group Product Manager responsible for setting up and running a new product development programme. His main achievement was the successful launch of "Clover" spreadable butter.

Roberts, S.C.M. (1965-72) is still enjoying work as a Principal Planning Officer with Cheshire County Council. Stuart is currently leading the County Council's input to joint studies with neighbouring councils of the future of the world famous Manchester Ship Canal which is threatened with closure.

Rogers, P.N. (1948-55), President, Biscuit Group, Nabisco Brands USA, has been named to the additional position of senior vice president and group executive.

Rundell, P.F. (1963-69) has been working at Amersham International since January 1982 as an accountant and very much enjoying it. Amersham International is an expanding company primarily producing health care products and employs around 1,200 people at its main laboratories in Little Chalfont. His brother **John**, (1960-67) still works for the BBC as a video engineer at White City.

Sabine, C.R. (1957-66). Rodney Sabine is in his second year as head of Medstead Primary School, Hampshire. He has moved into a new school building. His school is one of four primary schools in Europe to be chosen to take part in a computer project funded by IBM. This means his 110 pupils now have 3 BBC computers and 5 IBM PC computers. As well as lecturing on computers in schools to teachers and advisers, he has received visits from two of his former teachers, E.R.B. Little and D.G. Lambert, who are both H.M.I.'s. Children from his school go to a comprehensive school in Alton, the head of which, Mr Parry-Jones, also taught at R.G.S.

Sansome, R.T. (1978-82) is now working on a farm near Hemel Hempstead prior to going to Newcastle University in October '85 to read agriculture.

Searle, R.A. (1969-76) was ordained Priest in Durham Cathedral last summer, and is senior curate at St. Mary's Church, Cockerton, Darlington. He often relaxes over a pint with another O.W., **John Pursey**, one time boy then master at the R.G.S., and now on the staff of Darlington 6th Form College.

Sharp, D.J. (1959-64) was promoted Squadron Leader in January 1983, and assumed command of 151 (F) Squadron at RAF Chivenor in Devon. Unfortunately his fighter pilot career came to an abrupt end on the 15th February 1983, when a duck smashed through the windscreen of his aircraft, whilst flying at low level. As a result of this accident Sharp lost the sight of his left eye and was subsequently stopped from flying single seat aircraft. He now flies a desk at RAF Coltishall, where he is currently filling the post of Sqn. Ldr. Ops. Every cloud does indeed have a silver lining however. As a result of the incident on February 15th, he was subsequently awarded the Air Force Cross by Her Majesty The Queen at an Investiture at

Buckingham Palace later in 1983. In addition to this honour, Sharp was also elected 'Man of The Year' by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation at a luncheon at the Savoy three months later. He hopes to be posted in 1986 back to flying, though this time to slower and larger aircraft. At that time he expects to move to the Buckinghamshire area and hopes that his two sons manage to gain admission to the R.G.S.

Sinnatt, B. (1946-53) has spent 25 years working with the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies. After periods working in Uganda, Tanzania, Guyana, Ethiopia, Puerto Rico, Gabon and Uruguay, mainly on the marketing side of the business, he transferred to The Netherlands with his wife and two daughters at the end of 1984. He has returned to the education business as Head of Management Training for the Shell Group.

Slade, A.J. (1976-1982). Andrew is in the second year of a 3-year Hons. degree course in Biochemistry at U.C.N.W. Bangor. He spent a year out before the course, initially with the Royal Artillery and then earning real money on a building site.

He is Captain of Fencing and the current Welsh Universities Epée Champion. **Noyes, S.** (1976-82) is also at Bangor (P.E.).

Smith, J.B. (1961-68), after graduating at Leeds University he trained to become a chartered accountant, initially in Leeds and then London with Robson, Rhodes and Co. He qualified in 1975 and since 1976 he has been with Eacatt Worrall and Co and is now the Resident Partner at their Maidenhead office.

Stevens, D.W. (1933-40) was awarded a C.B.E. in the 1984 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Swinhoe-Standen, R.A.P. (1975-81). Having graduated from Oxford Polytechnic in 1984, he is currently at Sandhurst and due to pass out on 12th April 1985, along with **Welch, N.** (1975-81). On leaving Sandhurst he joins the Royal Artillery, and Nicholas Welch goes to the Gloucestershire Regiment.

Thomas, P.F. (1965-72) has just joined Plessey's, Titchfield as a systems analyst and continues his freelance computing activities. He is enjoying married life and is well settled at Fareham on the south coast.

He recently attended the wedding of **Wild, M.J.** (1965-72) prior to their departure to the U.S.A. Also there were **Barksfield, W.H.** (1965-72) and **Massey, A.** (1965-72) who are still in computing and **Dickenson, A.** (1965-72) who is an accountant in the city.

Thomson, I. (1972-80) has recently been working in Oman and Kuwait for Longden and Browning (Surveys) Ltd. Last year he passed the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors finals exams and is hoping to become an Associate of the RICS by 1986.

Timberlake, N.C. (1971-9). Graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Transport Operation and Planning from Aston University in Birmingham, where he spent three "unspeakably superb years. It took time, he says, to adjust to not being a student any more, but with so many good friends he reckons he can preserve the illusion at least until old age begins to set in!

After leaving university he gained experience in the Coach Section of Southdown Motor Services in Brighton, a National Bus Company subsidiary. They must have been pleased with him - they've just appointed him as Customer Services Manager!

Tite, C.C. (1972-78) marries High Court judge's

daughter Lucinda Slade in September this year. He is qualified as a solicitor and working with a city firm doing company law, which he enjoys. He sees **Green, P.J.** (1971-78) from time to time and also **Foster, M.** (1971-78), both of whom are also engaged. **Thomlinson, J.D.** (1963-69) has his second book published in April - 'British Macro-Economic Policy since 1940'. He is the external examiner in Economic History for U.C.W. Aberystwyth.

Tubbs, I. (1936-42) has re-established contact with the Club. He joined the Civil Service immediately his 24 years Army service was completed and is now a senior programmer in HMS Centurion, the RN Pay and Record Centre. If any Old Boys are in the Lee on Solent area he would be pleased to see them.

Upward, P.G. (1957-62) leads a busy life as a Professor of Piano at the Royal Academy of Music. In November his musical play 'Katerina', for which he wrote the book and composed the music, was given its premiere at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, and was in the repertoire for 23 performances. Those who journeyed down for the occasion enjoyed the splendid production and shared in the audience's enthusiastic reception of Peter's work. Peter would very much like to contact **Downing, W.D.** (1957-61). If anyone knows of his whereabouts could they let the Hon. Sec. know. **White, D.B.** (1968-75) has left BDH Chemicals and joined the publishers John Wiley as a product manager for their chemistry, physics, geoscience and environmental science books and journals. Although working in Chichester he will continue to live in Bournemouth for the immediate future.

Wilkinson, P. (1967-74) at present is appointed to HMS Resolution, one of our four Polaris 'Bomber' submarines and is based at the Clyde Submarine Base in Faslane. He had the honour of meeting The Queen Mother when she visited the Base last year.

Wise, G.R. (1971-79) is now married with 2 children and is living in Leicester. He is working for Farrouche who manufacture fitted kitchens.

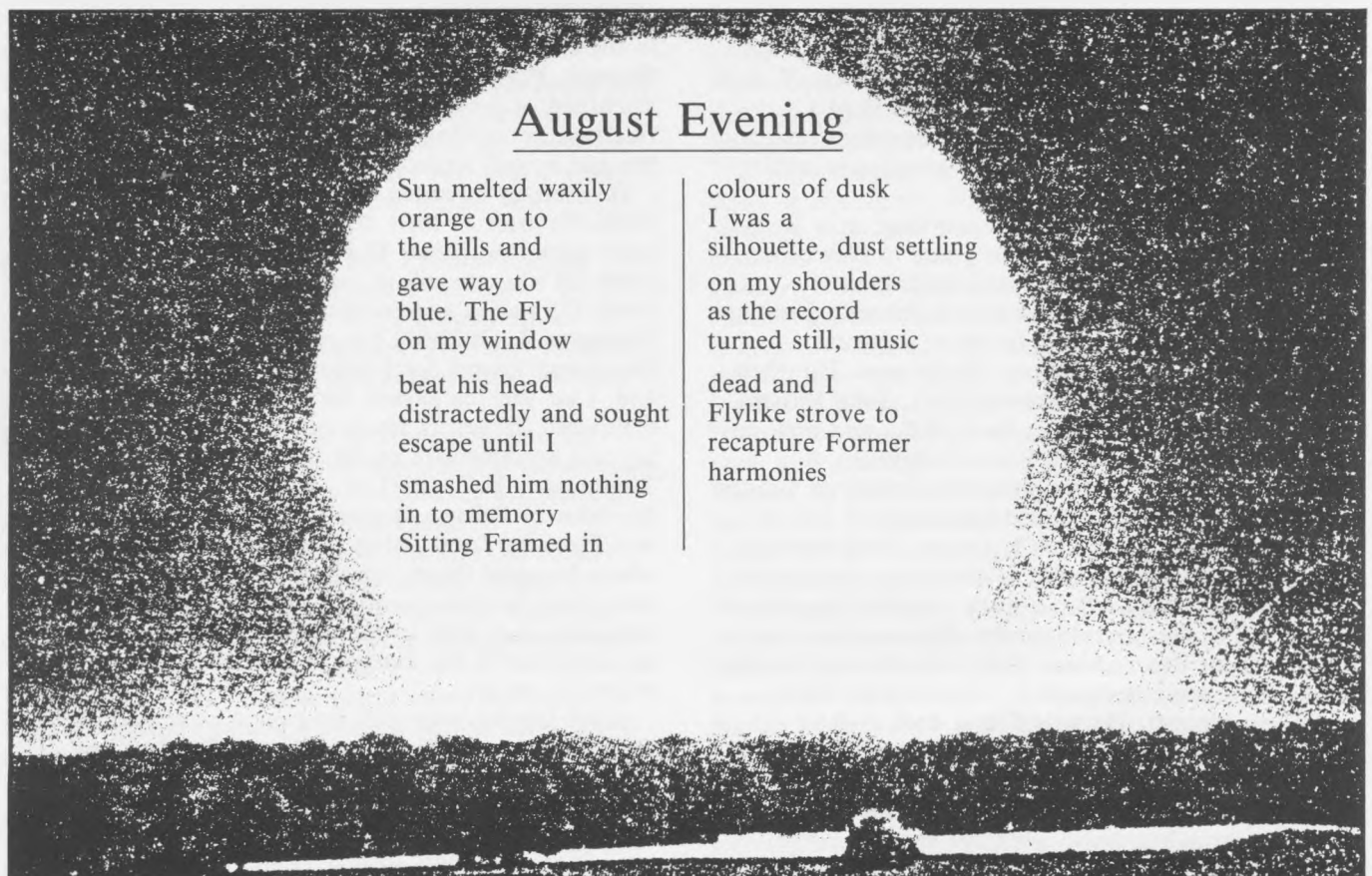
Winter, P.E. (1960-68). Since leaving Mars, for whom he worked in W. Africa, in 1981, Philip Winter has started his own company, supplying photovoltaic systems, initially to Africa, and particularly his old stamping ground, Sudan. This involves regular visits to E. Africa and he hopes to extend his activities to Nepal during 1985. He is still rock climbing and skiing when possible.

Witney, D.R. (1934-42) retired from the headmastership of King Edward VI School, Louth in 1981. **Johnson, H.W.** has also retired from the staff of the school. **Squires, E.M.** is still Head of Geography.

Wood, R. (1971-77). Having left London University in 1980 with a B.Sc. (Honours) degree in Marine and Freshwater Biology, promptly moved to Stoke Mandeville which turns out to be the furthest place from the sea in Britain no matter in which direction you travel! Not undaunted by this he still tried to further his career in Biology but to no avail. Eventually he took up a temporary position with CBS Records in Aylesbury at their UK Manufacturing plant. After 4 years with CBS and rapid promotion he is now the Plant Planning Manager with his own department. Concerned primarily with projecting factory manufacturing loads from the hectic Music Industry to enable the plant to function at its maximum potential week by week.

THE OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' MASONIC LODGE No. 6754

Albert G. Hall (1933-38) became Master, Peter Smaje (Staff) Senior Warden and Sydney Goulborn (1928-36) Junior Warden of the Old Boys' Lodge on October 4th 1984.



August Evening

Sun melted waxily
orange on to
the hills and
gave way to
blue. The Fly
on my window
beat his head
distractedly and sought
escape until I
smashed him nothing
in to memory
Sitting Framed in

colours of dusk
I was a
silhouette, dust settling
on my shoulders
as the record
turned still, music
dead and I
Flylike strove to
recapture Former
harmonies

